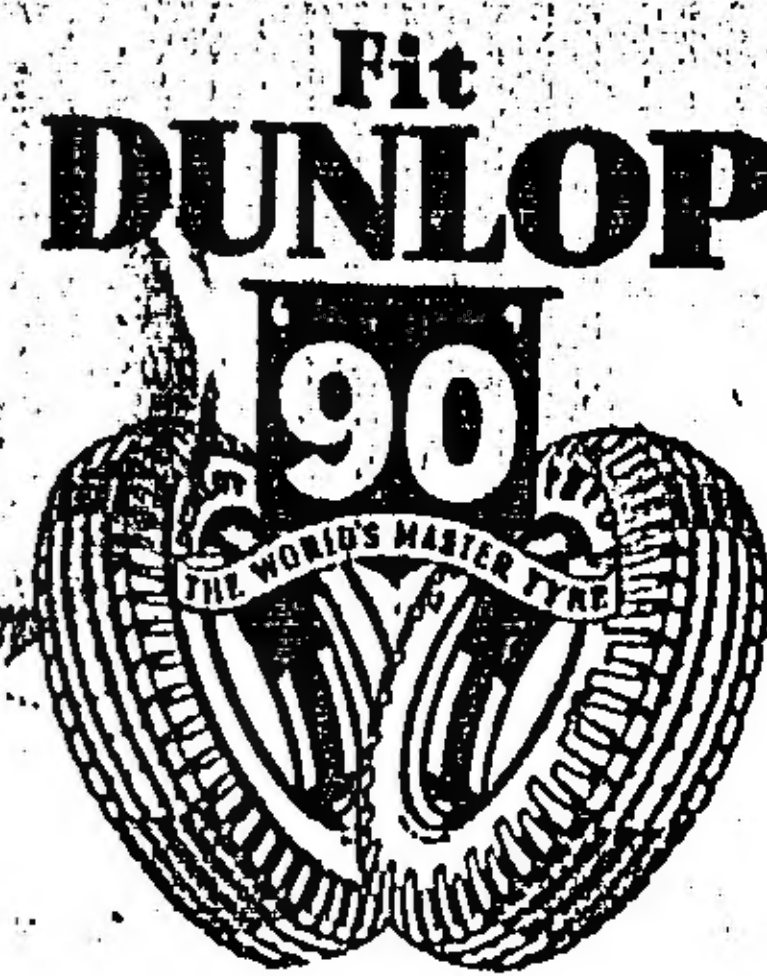


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JAPAN OFFERS CHINA NEW PEACE TERMS

PERTURBED BY RESISTANCE ENCOUNTERED

Germany Again Acts As Mediator

Moscow, Dec. 30.

Hankow despatches made public in Moscow to-day reveal that Germany a few days ago offered to China a six-point Japanese peace offer, the terms being as follows:

- 1.—Economic agreement giving Japan participation in national resources, customs, foreign trade, aviation and other transport and communications;
- 2.—Chinese adherence to a pact against Communism directed against Japan and Manchukuo;
- 3.—Permanent Japanese garrisons in China;
- 4.—Demilitarised zones in regions specified by Japan;
- 5.—An independent Inner Mongolian Government;
- 6.—Chinese payment of war indemnities.

The despatches add that Italy is somewhat annoyed by Germany's mediation efforts.

It is alleged that public opinion in Japan is disturbed at the Chinese resistance, as a result of which an effort is under way to stir up anti-Russian opinion, centred on the reported despatch of Russian war supplies to China.

However, it is said that Russian aid to China is "insignificant" compared with that of Britain, France and America, and even the Indian and German supplies, and it is argued that due to this anxiety, Japan has given permission for mediation as outlined in the terms which Dr. Oscar Trautmann has presented.

Egypt's New Premier Is Strong Man

Cairo, Dec. 30.

Mahmoud Pasha's first act as Premier of Egypt has been to disarm and to disband all "coloured shirt" bodies. Orders to this effect are at present being carried out throughout Egypt.

The new Premier declares that he intends to act constitutionally and to adopt a conciliatory attitude towards his opponents. He guarantees a good administration and to render justice all round.

His Cabinet will generally represent all parties in Egypt except the Wafd.

STOCK EXCHANGE CHEERFUL

London, Dec. 30.

Several factors combined to impart a more cheerful undertone to the London Stock Exchange to-day, but business continued to be small, with end of account influences causing some irregularity.

Home Ralls were particularly firm on the excellent holiday traffic receipts. Commodities and cocoa were firm on Continental buying and covering, but lute eased sharply in sympathy with Calcutta. Cotton and rubber rallied slightly. New York opened firm.—Reuter's Special.

JAPAN NOT SATISFIED

Tokyo, Dec. 31.

The Foreign Office has stated that due to the Soviet's dilatoriness in preventing the signing of the new fisheries treaty before the end of the year, Japan was compelled to agree to the protocol signed in Moscow on December 29, extending the old provisions for a year.

In the meantime an endeavour will be made to conclude a new treaty.—United Press.

Last Defiant Gesture Of Old Patriot

Hankow, Dec. 31.

Mr. Chang Yi-hsin, veteran educationist of Soochow, is reported to have committed suicide by jumping into a well after the Japanese authorities had attempted to force him to become Mayor of Soochow.

Mr. Chang won fame for his suggestion to Marshal Chiang Kai-shek that he form an "old man's regiment."

Mr. Chang proposed to lead it.—United Press.

BLOW TO JAPANESE FISHING

President Seeks To Keep Boats Out Of U.S. Waters

Washington, Dec. 30.

Well-informed quarters state that President Roosevelt has requested passage of a Bill to effect the gradual elimination of Japanese and alien fishing boats from American waters, which will be introduced to a special session of Congress by Mr. J. G. Copeland, Chairman of the Senate Commerce Committee.

The State Department is also reported to be backing the measure which will stipulate that fishing boats exceeding five tons must be American-owned, and operated.—Reuter.

EXTENDING ITALIAN- JAPANESE TRADE AGREEMENT

Rome, Dec. 30.

A supplementary trade agreement between Italy and Japan was signed by Count Ciano and the Japanese Ambassador this morning. It extends the existing Italy-Japanese trade facilities to Italian East Africa, where, it is understood, Japan will trade on a basis of strict reciprocity to the extent of 10,000,000 lire annually.

Japan will buy East African salt and probably also raw cotton in exchange for textile goods.—Reuter's Special.

GERMAN-SIAMESE TREATY

Berlin, Dec. 30.

A German-Siamese treaty of friendship and commerce has been concluded at Bangkok.—Reuter.

More Hankow Refugees On Way To H.K.

Third International Train Departs

Hankow, Dec. 31.

Over 100 noisy and mischievous school children considerably brightened the departure for Hongkong of the third international refugee train which carried 313 men, women and children of 25 nationalities from Hankow, Kichang and Kungang. It left at 9 a.m. yesterday.

The train consisted "The Last Train From Madrid" and was decorated with national flags of American, French and German flags on the roofs of the coaches.

The Japanese authorities were advised of the date of the departure well within the specified request of 48 hours.

For two hours before the departure the station was the scene of intense activity as leading members of the foreign community worked side by side with office boys carrying suitcases and bundles of bedding and packing them in the train.

At 9 o'clock sharp the train departed and after blowing its whistle, the train slowly steamed out of the station.—Reuter.

POWERFUL HANKOW DEFENCES

Making The City Impregnable

Hard Fighting In North

Shanghai, Dec. 31.

For the purpose of making the approaches to Hankow impregnable, it is understood Marshal Chiang Kai-shek has ordered the construction of 300 steel-cased concrete block-houses which, it is reported, will be equipped with anti-aircraft guns, heavy machine-guns and trench mortars.

Each block-house will accommodate 80 men.—Reuter.

Incendiary Bombs

Hankow, Dec. 30.

The spokesman for the Chinese Army stated to-day that a large quantity of incendiary bombs were dropped on Tainan by Japanese planes two days ago, which resulted in a big fire which has raged for the past 48 hours, doing serious damage.

Japanese planes bombed Sian and Hsuehchow yesterday.

After the occupation of Tsinan, as their immediate objective. They left only one division of troops in Tsinan city but three trainloads are on their way from Tientsin.

The Chinese have destroyed the railway bridges at Chiehshou, ten kilometres north of Tsinan.

Chinese Success

Central News says Chinese troops recaptured Fuyang, near Hongchow, yesterday. The Military spokesman also announces that Weihsien, in eastern Shantung, is still in Chinese hands. Japanese troops are trying to outflank the Chinese positions at Tainan by crossing the Yellow River at Tanghai, above Tsinan. But so far they have not succeeded.

The Chinese are trying to cut the Japanese columns west of Taihu Lake, in Kiangsu, and have been successful to a certain extent.—United Press.

NEW GOVERNMENT STARTS WORK

Peking, Dec. 31.

Four sub-departments of the Provisional Government of the Republic of China have been started.

The Foreign Affairs office is headed by Yang Shiao-ling. Communications are controlled by Hsu Hsiu-chih, Industry by Yu Chin-so and the Secretariat by Chu Shu-yuan.—United Press.

NOBLE MAY COMMAND WAR NAVY

New Admiral For China Station

Secret Plans Of Admiralty



VICE-ADMIRAL SIR PERCY NOBLE

In sweeping changes which have recently been made in the administration of Britain's war service, a future Commander-in-Chief of the China Station may play an important role.

The British Government, it is believed, has already chosen the man who will command the Royal Navy at sea in the event of war.

His identity is a secret. But the Naval Correspondent of the London Daily Express believes that Vice-Admiral Sir Percy Lockhart Harnam Noble, who will relieve Admiral Sir Charles Little as Commander-in-Chief of the China Squadron early next year, is the man who has been chosen.

The new Commander-in-Chief of the China Squadron is fifty-seven years old. He is still comparatively junior, which enables him to receive intensive training for the important task said to have been assigned to him.

If the presumption of the Daily Express Naval Correspondent is correct, added recognition by the Admiralty and Government of the future importance of the China Squadron, and particularly of Hongkong and Singapore, seems indicated.

"Had there been a new war in about 1925 the successor to Jellicoe would have been an admiral who had one good war, in minor commands in the Great War," says the Express writer.

"He is now on the retired list and in the last ten years the Admiralty has three times marked out a possible new Commander-in-Chief for the emergency of war."

Each of them has been given opportunities for command of different squadrons and fleets so as to obtain all the training possible.

The oldest of the three has now reached the age at which it is practically certain that he would not be considered equal to the strain of war.

PROBABLE CHOICE

"The two others are still active but it is the younger of them (Vice-Admiral Noble) on whom the choice would probably fall."

The naval system of selection for important commands takes little notice of the officer's position in the seniority list.

Vice-Admiral Noble is expected to relieve Admiral Sir Charles Little in Hongkong in April. He will be 58 in January and has just relinquished the post of Fourth Sea Lord. During the Great War he was commander of the cruiser Achilles and Courageous.

After the Home and Mediterranean Fleets, the China Station is the most important of the British naval commands afloat, and includes some 75 units of all types, among them being the 5th Cruiser Squadron, 8th Destroyer Flotilla, 18 gunboats normally stationed in the Yangtze and West River, 4th Submarine Flotilla, and the 2nd Mine-sweeping Flotilla at Singapore.

BUT SATISFACTION EXPRESSED AT GUARANTEES GIVEN

Versions Of Wuhu Attacks Differ Considerably

London, Dec. 30.

Pending the return of Mr. Anthony Eden, the Foreign Secretary, this afternoon, it is not certain whether the Japanese reply to the British note concerning the shelling of the British warships at Wuhu is considered acceptable.

Certain points in the reply are considered to be couched vaguely.

Present indications are that the Foreign Office acknowledgment will be cold, though courteous in tone. It is known that the British Ambassador to Tokyo, Sir Robert Craigie, has already objected to the military report of the incidents on which the Japanese Government appears to rely. Exception is taken to the assumption that foreign warships and merchant vessels had no right in the vicinity of the fighting.

Teruel Battle Continues With Heavy Losses

Madrid, Dec. 30.

There has been little change in the situation around Teruel during the last 24 hours, though fierce fighting is in progress.

Reports indicate that the Insurgents are still holding out in some sections of the town, while both the Government and the Insurgents claim to have inflicted heavy losses on the enemy.—Reuter.

SILVER MARKET SAVED

"Bears" Beaten By U.S. Move

London, Dec. 30.

Interpreting Mr. Henry Morgenthau's statement that the understanding with China relating to the purchase of silver and the sale of gold will continue until January 7, as indicating that there is now no possibility of Chinese stocks in London being hung on the market, silver "bears" rushed to cover to-day.

Sellers were very reserved and the "bears" were forced to pay up to 10½d. though business was only small. Later the market quietened down, closing with buyers at 19d.

Though India has been biggest buyers, it is interesting to note that American "bears" have been particularly keen to cover their commitments.

It is pointed out that China will now have plenty of time in which to liquidate any stocks remaining within her boundaries.

The market is somewhat mystified regarding the extension of the American understanding with Mexico and Canada until January 31. Some suggest the understanding has not been renewed till later as President Roosevelt intends to use it as a bargaining weapon. Others are of the opinion that the United States Government is temporising pending President Roosevelt's statement.—Reuter.

The British acknowledgment of the reply may point out that the British Government prefers to rely on its own report.—Reuter.

OFFICIALS SATISFIED

London, Dec. 30.

Mr. Anthony Eden returned to London from Yorkshire, where he spent Christmas, to-day, and he hopes to leave London next week for a few days' holiday in the south of France, when he will attend the opening of the League Council at Geneva on January 17.

Mr. Neville Chamberlain, the Prime Minister, will be in charge of the Foreign Office during Mr. Eden's absence.

It is learned in official circles that the British Government notes with satisfaction that the Japanese apologies and other settlements with regard to the Wuhu incidents cover attacks on the merchantmen as well as the warships.

Whilst the British version of the Wuhu incidents differs from that of the Japanese, the British Government appreciates that measures are to be taken by the Japanese Government with regard to the punishment of the officers responsible, and is glad that in the future full guarantees are offered against the possibility of future attacks.—Reuter.

Italy Offers Olive Branch To Rumania

Rome, Dec. 30.

A striking declaration of friendship towards Rumania, following the formation of a Rumanian Government with Fascist sympathies, is published by the Italian diplomatic information bureau.

The declaration says that responsible Italian circles think the new Rumanian situation is indicative of the profound transformation which is taking place in the whole Danube basin.—Reuter's Special.

STRIKERS WIN DEMANDS THEN RETURN TO WORK IN PARIS

Paris, Dec. 30.

The Government has agreed to the Paris strikers' demands, according to a communiqué issued by the Workers' Unions in the Paris region and the General Union of Public Services. The strikers returned to work this morning and the municipal services are now functioning again.—Reuter.

JAPANESE HALTED IN SHANSI

INVADERS DRIVEN OFF AT HOSHUN

Linfen, Dec. 31.

Following an abortive invasion against Hoshun and Linhsien by the Japanese troops, quiet once more prevails in eastern Shansi, and twenty miles north of Hoshun the place is cleared of invaders.

Military authorities believe that the Japanese activities during the last few days were manoeuvres calculated to test the strength of the Chinese defence. The Chinese troops, however, are fully prepared to cope with any emergency which may arise from the Japanese movements.

The same authorities confirm that Japanese reinforcements have been arriving in several cities in northern Shansi, including Tatum and Chichow. The Japanese garrison at Tai-yuan has now been increased to 16,000 men.—Central News.

FISHING BOAT SEIZED

Los Angeles, Dec. 30.

Federal agents seized a Japanese fishing boat to-day. It was anchored in Los Angeles harbour. The owner is said to be an alien named S. Nakawa.—United Press.

STOP PRESS

CLEARING BRITAIN'S SLUMS

London, Dec. 30.

The returns issued by the Minister of Labour show good progress is being made in the final stages of the Government's great slum clearance campaign. During the year ended September 30 last 58,439 houses were demolished or closed compared with 45,148 during the previous 12 months.

To same date 163,274 houses, with accommodation for 764,660 persons, have been provided for the purpose of rehousing persons displaced by slum clearance operations. The returns also record that 3,484,132 new houses have been built in England and Wales since November 1918.—British Wireless.

EQUALISATION FUND IS SOUND

London, Dec. 30.

The Treasury has issued the following statement: "On June 28, 1937 in the House of Commons the Chancellor of the Exchequer made a statement as to the holdings of the Exchequer Equalisation Account at the end of March 1937, and undertook that the Treasury would publish officially a similar statement every six months."

In pursuance of this undertaking the Treasury announces that on September 30, 1937 gold held in the account was 39,034,000 fine ounces, and that held in the issue department of the Bank of England was 70,843,000 fine ounces. The total amount was 110,697,000 fine ounces which at £7 an ounce would represent in round figures £815,000,000. At the same date the Account did not hold more than a trifling amount of foreign currency.—British Wireless.

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Elegance needn't end at Forty



Black is the best colour for middle-age

LIFE begins at forty—for the Frenchwoman. At that age she knows she is more poised, more experienced, more amusing, than she was at twenty.

She has been more places, met more people, read more books, seen more pictures than when she was a young girl.

She is an expert talker and expert listener. It is natural for her to be admired.

Englishmen of earlier generations have never expected so much from their womenfolk; all they have admired is Youth. Travel is making the Englishman demand more.

To-day the Englishwoman over forty can come off every bit as well

as the Frenchwoman, if she wants. She must not deplore advancing middle age, but accept every year as an added charm, realise how much more she has to give.

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HER clothes should be simple and well cut. The tulle line becomes her. Black, if it suits her colouring, is always elegant.

The woman we have drawn is forty-five. She has always taken great care of her figure, and in this the Englishwoman is often more blessed than the Frenchwoman.

She wears black nearly always. It shows off her silver blue hair. She varies her make-up to go with the colour touches on her dresses.

Here are the most useful items in her present wardrobe. First is a suit she wears for her lunch dates. It is made in a soft black angora fabric with a black fox collar blocked to stand out at the shoulders.

She carries a black fox muff bag. Her scarf is black velvet, her crusader court shoes are suede. Colour notes are the bright blue ostrich feather in her hat, the silver bowclips on her jacket-silver coin bracelet and coin-clip earrings.

Her eye shadow is grey blue, and her lipstick and rouge are of the new purplish shades called viola.

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THE next dress is one she wears for bridge afternoons. It is tight-bodiced, in black velvet. The rolled belt and collar are silver lame with big silver clasps matching the silver and onyx bracelets she wears over her sleeves. The sandals are black antelope and the hat velvet.

Her lipstick and rouge shade for this outfit is called victoire.

The black broadcloth dinner suit with the heavily embroidered longish coat she wears for restaurant dinners and a theatre date. The embroidery is done in cyclamen and silver.

The hat is black velvet, the gloves are cyclamen velvet, and the sandals are flat bag silver. She wears cyclamen lipstick and rouge with this suit.

The thick black tweed suit and short cape are for foxing, and trains. Touch of colour here is fuchsia in the black, and fuchsia knitted gloves.

The scarf and same viola make-up as worn with the fox-trimmed outfit. Capacious black aeroband slung over right shoulder looks like field-glasses. It has chromium buckles. Shoe is high-fronted, medium heeled.

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COUNTRY suit is made of black tweed, rough, with a thin double white stripe, has velvet facings to lapels. She wears it with a black sweater and huge silver choker beads.

Hat and bag are of black felt, and booties of black calf. Her gloves are thick black fabric, stitched.

The tea gown on the left is useful for Sunday night, week-ends, and

here, but he's come all the way from Glasgow.

This last, used with discretion, is not as bad as the others. Still, in my years of evasion I have found the only fool-proof, unanswerable excuse that had no back kick was simply: "What a pity I can't, but there it is, I can't possibly, not on Thursday."

A direct challenge: "But why can't you?" must simply be politely, mildly ignored.

"If only it wasn't Thursday," you answer back, "I would have loved it." Put all the blame on Thursday, see?

Surprise Dish

SAVOURY PRAWN CUSTARD

PUT a bouquet of parsley, thyme, and sage into a pint of milk, and bring slowly to the boil. Take the milk from the fire, remove the herbs, and add two well-beaten eggs. Season with pepper and salt.

Return the pan to the fire and stir until the custard thickens, taking care that it does not boil. Put two dozen whole shelled prawns in a pie dish and sprinkle them with finely chopped parsley. Pour in the custard, and sprinkle more chopped parsley on top. Bake in a moderate oven. Allow to get cold.

An excellent cold luncheon dish. HOME PAGE COOK

Party Fun For New Year's Eve

Continental Divide.—This game should be played in a room that has plenty of floor space.

Take 20 or more large pieces of cardboard, adjusting the number to the size of the room, and paint on these the names of lakes, bays, rivers, etc., found in the continents of Asia, Africa, Europe, and North and South America. The choice should be about equally divided between those bodies of water which are famous and those which are not so well known. Scatter the cardboard pieces over the floor without regard for geographical accuracy.

The four corners of the room are then allocated as follows: The first corner is assigned to the "Atlantic Mermals"; the second to the "African Mermals"; the third to the "European Mermals"; and the fourth to the "North and South American Mermals."

The players form a line, each player placing his hands on the shoulders of the one in front of him. To the strains of a lively march, the line weaves in and out among the pieces of cardboard. When the music suddenly stops, the leader brings the line to an abrupt halt. Each player then found standing on, or partially on, one of the cardboard pieces, drops out of line and joins the "mermaids" of that continent in which his or her body of water is located. The line closes ranks and the game continues until each player has been removed to one of the four corners. At the end of the game, that continent which has acquired the greatest number of "mermaids" is the winner.

It would be well to prepare a reference list showing the correct location of all bodies of water used, and to appoint a referee to settle any questions arising on these points. In this way, for instance, a player who found himself standing in "Lake Victoria Nyangwe" when the music stopped, had a mistaken idea where it is located, would soon be sent to Africa, even though he might insist that he was entitled to join the "mermaids" of some other continent.

Roasted And Steamed Meat

IT is a good idea when roasting joints, particularly if the meat is likely to be tough, to put them between two tins of the same size, putting rather a lot of dripping in the lower tin.

Take the covering tin off for the last quarter of an hour to allow the meat to crisp. As the joint cooked by this method is roasted and steamed at the same time, it comes out beautifully tender and little nourishment is lost in the cooking. It also takes slightly less time than when cooked in an uncovered tin.

Is Good Cooking Worth While?

When Husbands Are Content With Second Best

HOW tired I am of those men who keep saying, "Modern women don't cook; not as their mothers used to do!"

They have been chanting that phrase ever since I can remember, and I cannot recall a single intelligent woman giving a sane and convincing reply when her husband interested in food. Flavours and makes that complaint. Usually she contents herself with a curt "What nonsense, John," or turns the criticism into a personal reproach and looks hurt.

But the silly old phrase still remains. Women are not such good cooks as they used to be, and there is a good reason why!

No sensible woman is going to spend the entire afternoon cooking a fine dinner if her husband is just as happy with tinned soup, a hurriedly-cooked steak, and no vegetable at all. Why should she? Why, in fact, should she make any particular effort in the kitchen if it is doomed to pass unrecognized and unappreciated?

Yet that is the state of affairs in almost every family to-day. Husbands and families are not interested in good food and good cooking. They appreciate second-best just as much as the best of their father's day, and the thinking housewife has come to the conclusion that elaborate and fine cooking is simply not worth while.

Why Women are Home-Bakers

The few women (young ones at any rate) who are really good cooks are those lucky enough to have husbands who take an interest in food, or those who are forced by the limits of their purse to produce meals by old-fashioned efforts.

Most women who bake do it for economy or because they like it; very few because their home baking wins applause from the household and all the credit that it deserves.

Almost all the other women have been discouraged long ago. I know one who is an excellent housewife and whose knowledge of good flavours and fine baking was the envy of her friends twenty years ago.

Nowadays she is still a housewife, but for two grown-up sons instead of a husband. And she has come to the conclusion that all her work in the kitchen is nothing but a waste of energy.

Her husband, like so many other home-fed men of his generation, was interested in food. Flavours and methods of cooking meant something to him. He would enter the dining-room with real enthusiasm, hail a new dish with interest, and give his honest opinion on every experiment. When praise was due, he praised. When a dish was disappointing, he suggested an improvement.

Without being gourmands he and his wife discussed food and enjoyed it.

Moderns are Not Interested in Food

But her sons, being of this modern snack-bar and cafe generation, consider that it is stupid and even common to be interested in what they eat. They have of course, certain dislikes—quite a long list of them—but otherwise they treat food not as a pleasure but as a kind of packing, a bothersome necessity that is frankly a bore.

I doubt if they notice the food they eat. They sit down to it wearily and eat it up as quickly as possible. If they can, they read at the same time, or do anything at all that will help them to ignore the food. The only remark they ever make is a critical one. Interest or appreciation is the last thing they would dream of.

Those two sons will be husbands one day, and just exactly like so many modern husbands. Their young wives, with the enthusiasm of all sensible brides, will be ambitious about cooking. They will take lessons and collect recipes and try to turn out beautiful meals. But very soon they will waken up to the fact that their husbands are not interested, not even enough to praise them for a special masterpiece.

One is more interested in an even-odd of the pictures than a good dinner, and he would rather spend Sunday forenoon with her in the country than help to taste the roast and fire the Yorkshire pudding.

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Guide to making excuses

by
ZOE FARMAR

1. "I had my hat on to go when old Jones came over and said, 'Smith, I wonder if you'd mind just running through these?'"

Amateurish, over-done excuse. A good excuse maker knows that over-authenticated accounts sound suspicious. The simple "kept late again," said in martyred tones, is far more convincing.

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2. "I didn't mean to buy a hat, but Elsie, if Albert were here, I'm sure he'd make you buy it."

The appeal to vanity or victimising excuse. Useful where the victim prides himself on generosity.

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3. "I thought you'd like to spend the day with Maisie, so I've fixed to play golf."

A poor example of the unselfish excuse. This type has to be subtly handled, especially when intended for women (who will rarely admit to having the better bargain). In this instance, situation needed working up so that hardship of a day's golf, without wife, became more apparent.

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4. "I'm too tired . . ."

Always a bad excuse, because, by some unexplained psychological twist, no one can understand any one other than himself feeling tired. Victim feels as insulted as if you had said, "I have to work" or "I want to read."

Appeal to sentiment like "But can't we have an evening to ourselves, like we used to?" is, where you can't escape your victim, better tactics.

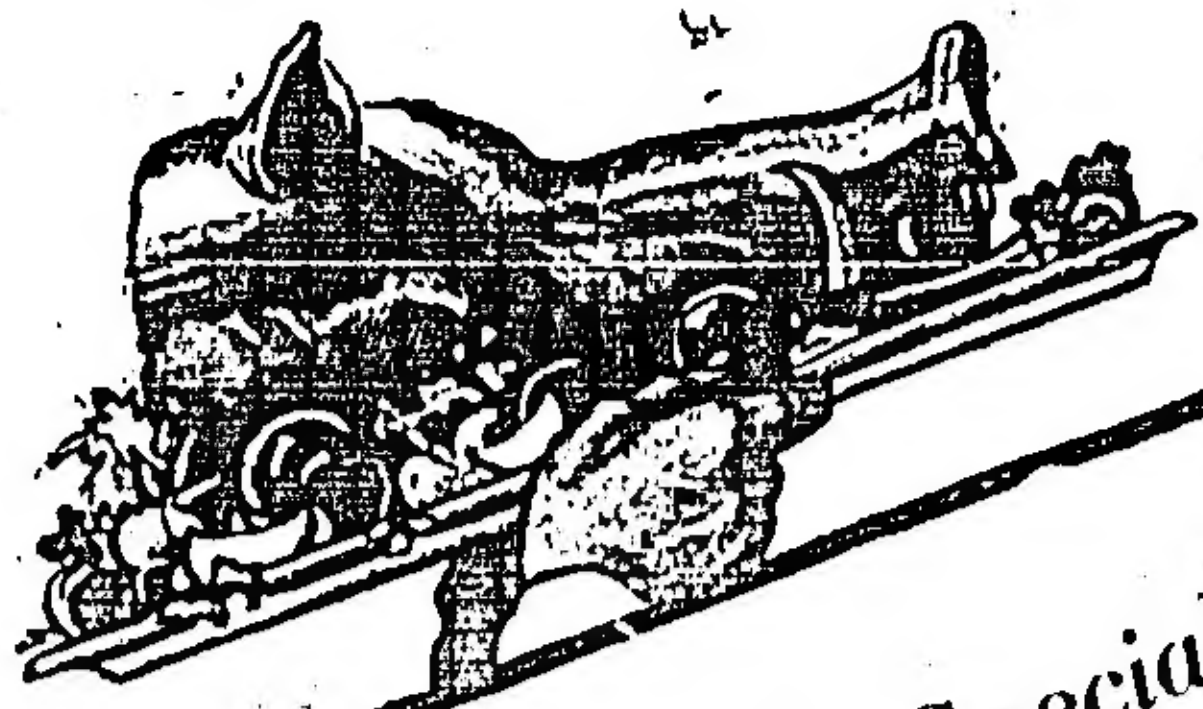
And "I have something I want to talk to you about" is useful sometimes, too. Introduces a bit of curiosity, and that is a big help.

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5. "I'd love to, but . . ."

This general excuse has a million different tales. Enough to mention a few that never get by. The sick-friend or aged-relative formula (even if you have a sick friend or do visit your great-aunt Myfanwy, don't mention it); the old school pal who is passing through on her way to Moscow ("only in town a night"); minor illness (the bit-of-a-sore-throat, the cold-that's-coming-on); the business contact ("awful old

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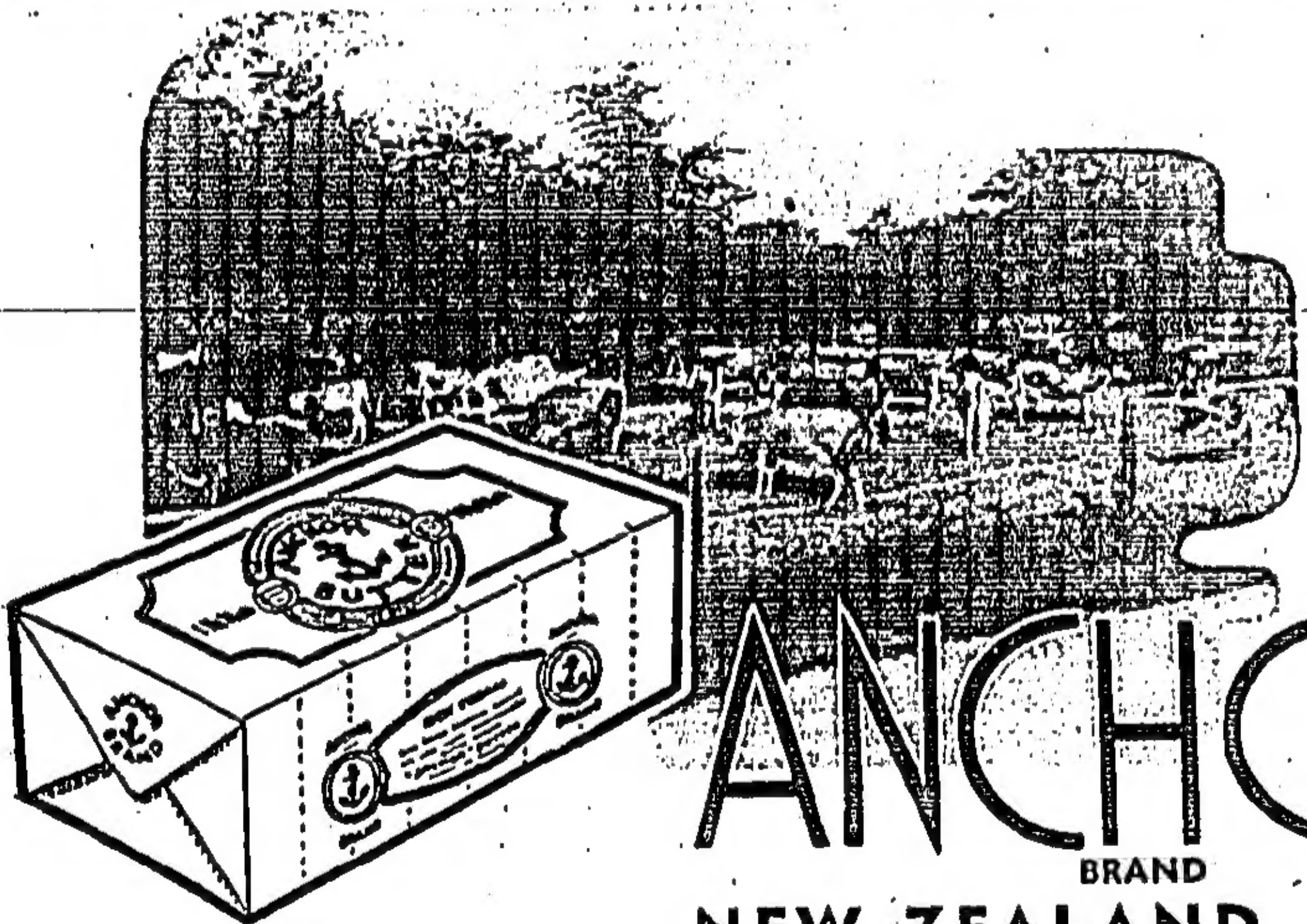
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Shakespeare Is Dull, That's Why I Rewrote Him — G.B.S.

MR. GEORGE BERNARD SHAW has been saying rude things about Shakespeare's plays for so long that it set many people wondering what had happened when they heard that he was producing "Cymbeline."

Amoeba Is Screen's Latest "Heroine"

THE loveliest new heroine of the screen is Miss Amoeba.

Found in humble surroundings—a duck pond—she was taken to a clean laboratory tank. There she exhibited extraordinary grace and beauty, which have been filmed by Professor Julian Huxley for educating children and receptive adults.

Amoeba is a form of pond life, and only one of a hundred new "stars" found by the professor for his films. These films were made by a group of British scientists who wanted to give dry difficult scientific facts something of the excitement and glamour they deserve.

They show, with beauty and simplicity, the life story of the worm, the sea urchin, the sea anemone, the frog, and the strange water animals which drift unseen in the rivers and shallow sea water.

Recently, in a private theatre in Bloomsbury, they were shown by Mr. H. Huxley, of the Imperial Science College, one of the scientists who have made them.

HAS THEME SONG
The material will be divided—the more advanced films, with scientific commentary, will go to university students; a simpler version for school children over twelve; a third, with a theme song and a climax, for the general public.

Far in advance of anything yet made, these films make for children the life struggle of the young sea urchin or trout's egg as exciting as a thriller.

"Several are completed—we are just having difficulty in getting them distributed to the schools," Mr. Huxley said.

The difficulty is that though the films were made for schools and students, the committee found there are about 300 projectors in schools and in universities here.

Germany has 19,000—France 9,000. The L.C.C. has three. There are heavy foreign orders already coming through for the new films.

Loveliest of all the stars live underwater. Strange, unfamiliar creatures drift like parachutes and jewelled coronets over the screen.

Many are almost invisible to the eye, and have been caught by careful arrangement of microscope, lights and camera.

CRAB 'VILLAINS'
As they grow, they beat and strive in the water, throw out curling tentacles and the instructor's voice points out the gradual significance of these changes in form.

Many of these changes take place over weeks, and the photographers hung around the tanks, taking a shot at a time.

They have been pieced together and speeded up. At the bottom of the tank starfish, rock spiders and crabs crawl about like the villains of the piece.

For children "Polyps and Jelly-fish" brings the most excitement—the struggle of tiny things against long tentacles which swim out from a cluster of spines, is as thrilling as any "bogey-man" story.

Several of the films have been adjusted to matriculation standard. Others have a more vivid, urgent commentary, but at each showing the student remembers some picture or facts which have been missed in

book learning.
The difficulties of the films were many. A scientist went down in a diving sphere to get a trout's eye view of a fisherman. Tanks were set up in drawing rooms so that they could be watched at all hours.

They thought that perhaps Mr. Shaw had grown mellow and was at last prepared to admit the sovereignty of the greatest writer of blank verse in the English language.

And they were sorry in a way. For, after all, Shaw on Shakespeare had been one of the most amusing performances in Shaw's extensive repertory.

They need not have worried. Mr. Shaw can still be extremely rude about Shakespeare. He has not mellowed in the least. He rewrote Shakespeare because he thought him dull.

Mr. Shaw thinks he can improve on Shakespeare. He told me so when I asked him if he was pleased with the notice of his "new play."

"What new play?"
"It's Shakespeare's. I simply rearranged and rewrote part of the last act."

"That's the act that gets the laughs. Did you write it for laughs?"
"Well, I didn't want it to be as dull as the other acts."

"But you've changed Imogen from a fearful, timid wife into a wise-cracking despot, to quote our critic."

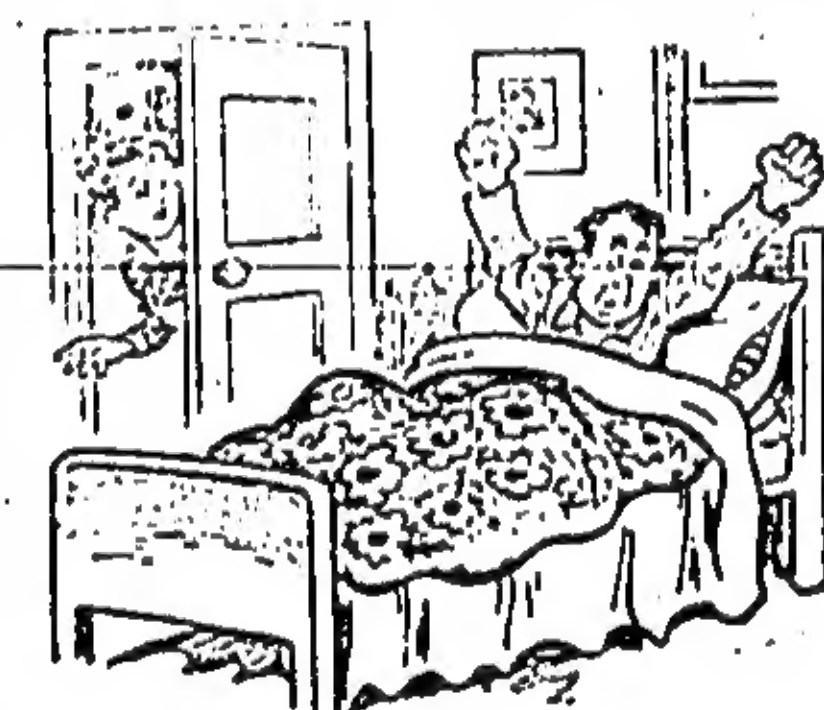
"Not at all. I've just developed Imogen's character where Shakespeare left off. He got tired of his characters in the last act. I've just brought them to life again."

"Then," I said, "there's all that stuff about an abdication and the prince saying he was not allowed to marry the woman he loved."

"Your last act seems a bit like a burlesque. Tell me honestly now, Mr. Shaw, didn't you write it with your tongue in your cheek?"
"I never write anything with my tongue in my cheek."

Mr. Shaw, in fact, seemed put out that any one should think his very blank verse should not be taken seriously.

It's a pity Shakespeare cannot give his opinion of Mr. Shaw's efforts. But then, perhaps, he might be rude, too.



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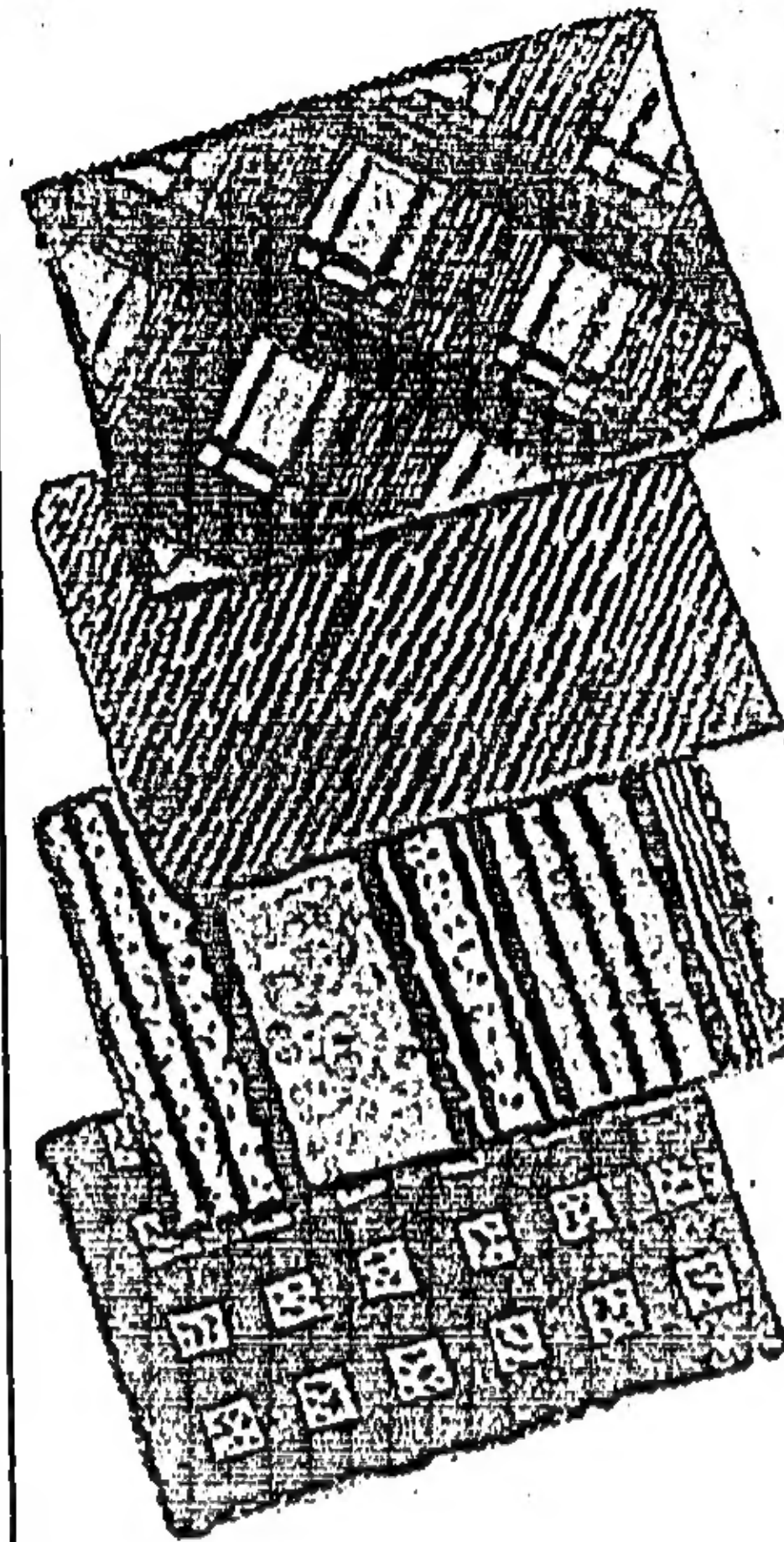
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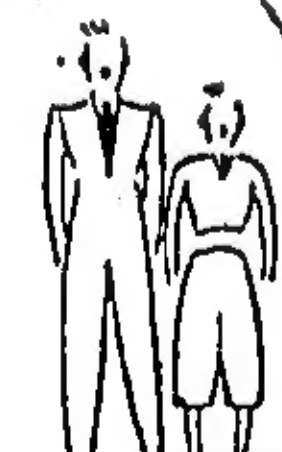
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Consignees are hereby informed that their goods with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables are being landed and stored into the Godowns of the Hongkong Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co. Ltd., Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.

All claims must be sent in to me on or before Tuesday, 4th January, 1938, or they will not be recognized. Damaged Packages will be examined by the Company's Surveyor Messrs. Goddard and Douglas in the presence of the Consignees at 10.00 a.m. on Friday 31st December, 1937.

Consignees must have a Revenue Officer in attendance when any dutiable goods are examined by the Company's Surveyors. No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever. MESSAGERIES MARITIMES CO. Hongkong, 26th December, 1937.

U.S. COMMODITY PRICES

LATEST CABLED QUOTATIONS

New York, Dec. 30.
The following quotations on the New York commodity exchange are issued by Reuters.

	Opening	Closing
January	8.11/12a	8.25/26
March	8.22/22	8.25/26
May	8.28/29	8.34/35
July	8.33/33	8.40/41
October	8.39/39	8.46/46
December	8.44/44	8.50/50

The First Notice Day for January Cotton is Dec. 27 and the Delivery Date Jan. 3.

	14.70/70	14.73/73
March	14.80/80	14.86/86
May	14.90/90	14.95/95
July	14.95/95	15.00/00
September	14.95/95	15.00/00

Sales for the day: 2,410 tons.

The last Notice Day for December Rubber is Dec. 20.

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Tuesday's Sales: 25,233,000 bushels.

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

BANK HOLIDAYS.

In accordance with Government Ordinance, the Exchange Banks will be closed for the transactions of public business on Saturday, the 1st January, 1938. (The first week-day in January). Hongkong, 29th December, 1937.

NOTICE.

ARMS LICENCES.

Holders of Arms Licences are reminded that Arms Licences are due for renewal on 1st January, 1938. (Fee \$10.00 per licence). Licensees should call at the Accounts Office, Police Headquarters between the hours of 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. daily (Sundays and Public Holidays excepted), with their arms and licences.

C. G. PERDUE, Inspector General of Police. 30th December, 1937.

NOTICE.

The Eastern Extension Australasia and China Telegraph Company, Limited.

Notice is hereby given that the name of the above Company will from the 1st January, 1938, be changed to CABLE & WIRELESS, LIMITED, with which is associated the Eastern Extension Australasia and China Telegraph Co., Ltd. (Incorporated in England).

An agreement has been signed between His Excellency the Governor, Sir Geoffrey Northcote, K.C.M.G., and Cable & Wireless, Ltd., for the transfer to the latter company of the fixed station commercial radio communications of the Colony as from January 1st, 1938.

The present Radio Traffic Office will remain in the P. & O. Building, Des Voeux Road, until the end of January, after which the Office will be transferred to the Offices of the Eastern Extension Telegraph Co., Ltd., (hereinafter to be known as Cable & Wireless, Ltd.).

Mobile Station Services (Ships at Sea and Aviation), Broadcasting and certain other services will remain under Government control.

COURSE OF NINE PUBLIC LECTURES

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The Fourth lecture of this course will be given in the China Fleet Club Theatre on

Monday, 3rd January, 1938, at 5.30 p.m.

Subject:—Effects and characteristics of war gases.

Lecturer:—Lieutenant-Commander B. M. Douglas, R.N. (Retd.)

Open to all members of the Public without charge.

Programmes of the course of lectures may be obtained on application to the Extra Assistant Colonial Secretary, Colonial Secretary's Office.

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The last Notice Day for December Winnipeg Wheat is Dec. 31.

G. R. NOTICE.

It is hereby notified that the following licences and permits are due for renewal on the 1st January, 1938:—

- (1) Private Rickshaw and Driver Licence.
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- (4) Public Motor Vehicle Licence.
- (5) Motor Vehicle Permits.

Before relicensing tricycles must be taken for inspection to No. 2 Police Station, Wanchai, or Tsim Sha Tsui Police Station, Kowloon, between the hours of 10 a.m. and 12 noon between January 3rd and January 24th, 1938.

C. G. PERDUE, Inspector General of Police. 31st December, 1937, Hong Kong.

G. R. PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS

of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 3rd day of January, 1938, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at King's Road, near Quarry Bay, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 75 years.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

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Stan Laurel and Oliver Hardy as they appear in their new picture "Way Out West", which is the New Year holiday attraction at the King's Theatre.



Beautiful Marlene Dietrich, who scores a big triumph in her latest film "Angel", which shows at the Queen's Theatre, to-morrow.

OUR GUIDE TO THE CINEMAS

"Way Out West" (King's Theatre, to-day).—Undoubtedly one of the finest and funniest pictures Laurel and Hardy have ever attempted. It is uproarious from start to finish.

"Born Reckless" (Alhambra Theatre, to-day).—Fast-moving and dramatic film, well photographed and tautly played by Rochelle Hudson, Brian Donlevy, Barton MacLane, Robert Kent, Harry Carey and Pauline Moore, among others.

"The Road Back" (Oriental Theatre, to-day).—Fascinating commentary on the after-effects of the World War, when those who had fought for so much, returned to Germany to find that their efforts had been in vain. Remarque's story, brilliantly written, has been vividly told on the screen.

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For	Per	Date and Time
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Swatow	Seitan	Fri., Dec. 31, 3 p.m.
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Air Mail for "K. L. M. Airways Service"—due Amsterdam, 11th January, 1938.	Reg.	Dec. 31, 4.15 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, East and Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 1st February, 1938.	Ord.	Dec. 31, 5.00 p.m.
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*Straits and Calcutta	Reg.	Dec. 31, 5 p.m.
	Ord.	Dec. 31, 5 p.m.
	Parcels	Dec. 31, 5 p.m.
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Saturday

Samshui and Wuchow	Kong Ning	Sat., Jan. 1, 8.15 a.m.
Kongmoon and (Pakhoi via Kongmoon)	Fook On	Sat., Jan. 1, 9.00 a.m.
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	Reg.	Jan. 1, 11.00 a.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, East and Santos Maru	Ord.	Jan. 1, 11 a.m.
Shanghai	Luchow	Sat., Jan. 1, 11 a.m.
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SHOT IN STREET

Alleged Japanese Tool Assassinated

Shanghai, Dec. 30.
Lo Peh-hong, chairman of the standing committee of the newly formed Civic Association, which was created to help rehabilitate the areas around Shanghai, was shot today in the French Concession as he was leaving a friend's house. He died a few hours later in hospital. The assassins escaped.
Mr. Lo, who was manager of the Nantao Electric Light and Tramway Company, was a prominent Catholic and was recently decorated by the Vatican. The Chinese regarded him and other members of the Civic Association as traitors whose work necessitated co-operation with the Japanese.
Mr. Lo was regarded as one of the most outstanding Catholic laymen in the world. He founded the Catholic Action Society of China whose motto is "To suffer is to obey." He collected very large sums of money for charity and was known as the Vincent de Paul of China. He described himself as the world's greatest beggar. Decorations conferred on him were the Legion of Honour, Knight Commander of St. Leopold, Knight Commander of St. Gregory, Papal Chamberlain, Knight of Cape Etsward.—*Reuter*.

SHANGHAI PUPPETS

Commerce President Refuses to Serve

WAR RELIEF WORK

Hankow, Dec. 30.
Mr. Lin Kang-hou, President of the Associated Chambers of Commerce in China, whose name is reported to have appeared on a list of so-called "puppets" in Shanghai, has arrived here.
He told interviewers that he would not join any regime set up by the Japanese. Instead, he is devoting himself to war relief work, and is remaining in Central China.
Mr. Lin believes the monetary structure of China to be firm.—*United Press*.

JAPANESE COLLEGE

To Be Re-Established in Peiping

Shanghai, Dec. 30.
Tung Wen College, located at Hungjiao Road, Shanghai, which was recently burnt to the ground, will be re-established in Peiping inside the compound of the beautiful Tsing Hua University, supported and endowed by the American share of the Boxer Indemnity Fund.
This institution, which was maintained by Japan for the training of consular and intelligence officers for service in this country, was re-opened recently in Nagasaki. At present Mr. Daigo Mizuno, trustee of the Tung Wen College, is negotiating with the "Provisional Government" in Peiping for using Tsing Hua University as the home of this Japanese school.
Tsing Hua has been closed for some time, as many professors and students left the university after the occupation of Peiping by the Japanese.—*International*.

JAPANESE OFFER APOLOGY

Answer Britain On Wuhu Incident

Precautions For Future

London, Dec. 30.

The Japanese note in reply to the British note regarding the attacks on British gunboats issued by the Foreign Office refers to the previous profound apology, the Japanese undertaking to deal with those responsible and pay compensation.

It says the incidents were due to the fact that the units concerned took for granted that in the then existing circumstances all foreign warships and merchant vessels had taken refuge from the scene of fighting and only enemy vessels were in the localities, also to poor visibility due to fog.

There is no room for doubt that they did not intentionally attack the vessels, knowing them to be British, says the note. This is proved by the Japanese giving assistance to the Ladybird's casualties when they discovered the nationality.

Although it has been established that the incidents were entirely due to a mistake, the Japanese Government dealt properly, according to law, with the officers concerned on the ground that they failed to take full precautions.

No Recurrence

As regards guarantees for the future, the higher Japanese military commanding officer concerned immediately gave strict orders to the vessels on the Yangtze that they would not be attacked unless they were used militarily by the Chinese. The naval authorities issued strict orders to guard against repetition of mistakes in the areas where there were vessels of third Powers, even in circumstances where caution involved loss of opportunity for attacking the Chinese forces.

Strict instructions were reissued to take the greatest possible care and attacks would not be made on the lives and property of British and other nationals. Other precautions would be communication of information to the authorities of the whereabouts of British residents and interests.—*Reuter*.

Publication Deferred

Tokyo, Dec. 30.

When Japan's reply was delivered to the British Ambassador, Sir Robert Craigie, on Tuesday, the Foreign Office announced that it would be published the same day, but a British request that the British note should be published simultaneously caused publication to be deferred. The request, it seems, needed deep consideration by Japanese officials.

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Note Not Unsatisfactory

London, Dec. 20.

Reports that Sir Robert Craigie, British Ambassador to Tokyo, has informed Mr. Koki Hirota, the Japanese Foreign Minister, that the Japanese reply to the British Note concerning the shelling of H.M.S. Ladybird and H.M.S. Bee was unsatisfactory, are authoritatively described as incorrect. No instructions concerning the reply have yet been sent to Sir Robert.

The reports have possibly arisen from confusion with a statement issued by the Japanese military authorities regarding the Ladybird incident. It is understood Sir Robert Craigie may have raised objection to certain passages in the statement, but the military statement is entirely separate from the formal Japanese reply.

The full text of the Japanese military statement has not yet reached London.—*Reuter*.

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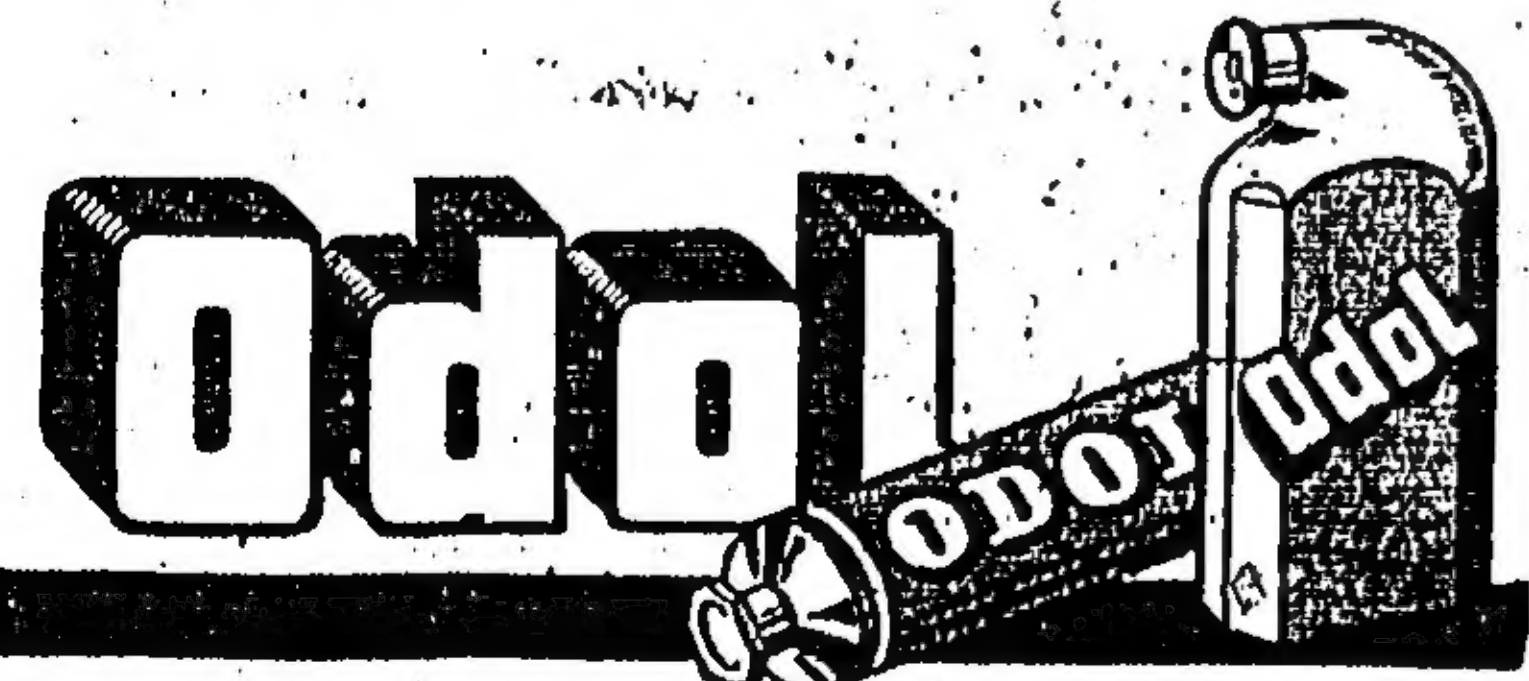
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HONGKONG'S ASSET

It is brought to the notice of the Hongkong Telegraph, and quite rightly, that far from facing a bleak future as a result of the hostilities in China, Hongkong may profit exceedingly from the misfortune that has descended upon this part of the world. It is not impossible that the ill wind which has devastated certain areas of Shanghai and other parts of China, and the unsettled condition of government in various parts of the country may cause industry, in search of security, to increasingly concentrate its stocks and resources in this Colony.

It was pointed out in this column the other day that certain businesses here had suffered to some extent from the war conditions; for example, some companies interested in shipping. The closing of the channels of navigation to Canton, for instance, interfered seriously with the river trade; and the ultimate fate of the Kowloon-Canton railway was in mind when it was mentioned that the future was not wholly rosy. But it is impossible to predict the effect of the war upon Hongkong's trade in time to come, and it may be that it will suffer no whit, and indeed gain immeasurably. This Colony may become a sort of storehouse for merchandise and base of manufacture for much of the Far East.

Not for a moment let it be thought that anyone here feels anything but deepest sympathy and regret for the recurring damage to Shanghai. But, as we have pointed out before, commerce must be alert to all risks to profit and as far as possible guard against them if it is to pretend to efficiency. So many of Shanghai's business men have suffered so much in the past five or six years through circumstances beyond their control and prediction that they cannot be blamed if they look for safer fields of investment. By this it is not meant that Shanghai must degenerate to a second-rate port because of the uneasiness resulting from war; but it is reason-

China is the home of Secret Societies

THE lure of the mysterious has been a most potent force ever since the dawn of time.

It has been, moreover, a factor which has appealed tremendously to the minds of all men; and consequently, this inherent *libido* or, perhaps more properly speaking, fundamental urge of the human soul has been fostered and encouraged in every age in order to further its progress and development.

Thus we find amongst every race and every people associations of individuals whose mutual aim is the concealment of their ideals and motives under the veil of secrecy. Indeed, it is an apt commentary upon human nature that secret societies in some form or other amply satisfy the peculiar yearnings of the human soul; for how else than by a resort to subterfuge, may man gratify his longings for the unattainable?

In short, the whispered password—the exchange of hand grips—the ceremonial signs of recognition—are the mighty trinity capable of conducting the initiated across the threshold from the world of the prosaic commonplace into that occult realm of transcendental splendour, redolent with the air of mysticism which is the foundation of romance.

Secret societies are, of course, legion, and whilst they are to be found in practically every country of the globe, it is, in the East, and more especially in China, that they may be said to truly flourish.

It is doubtful, moreover, whether any other part of the Orient has ever equalled the ancient land of the Sons of Han in the variety and number of secret societies, and their existence may be explained by quoting the common vernacular saying: "Chung-kwok hau-kei ho-pai"—"The Chinese love secrecy in speech and actions."

THERE are innumerable examples in Chinese history of individuals who have been the sponsors of organisations whose motives were more or less secret. We may recall, for in-

able to suppose that those who can will transfer their headquarters to localities less subject to alarms. Hongkong is one of these.

This is a time for optimism rather than of discouragement, then. Doubts there may be in the minds of many as to the ultimate fate of British trade in China. But to say that its end is in sight is a great and unreasonable exaggeration; and to fear that Japan intends to shut the door to commerce in the faces of the trading powers of the world is preposterous, for even if one were in a position to do so in China such short-sighted policy would serve no purpose. There is, truly, a limit to which any people can be exploited. The time comes when their industrialisation puts them on an equal or superior footing to those who assisted their development. At the moment it is Hongkong's business to serve a vast throng of customers, and by fair dealing and sound bargaining to serve herself. And let it not be forgotten that the security of this Colony of Britain's is probably its greatest asset.

by
**T. PAUL
GREGORY**

stance, the classic *T'o-yuen Kii-yi*, or "Peach Orchard Pact" in which the three popular heroes of the period of the Three Kingdoms—Lau Pei, Cheung Fei and Kwaan Kung, swore everlasting brotherhood.

Their example has been glorified by popular tradition and the influence of the Chinese drama; hence, under such powerful impetus fraternal societies composed of many individuals gradually came into existence, so that by the time of the Ming dynasty, (1368-1644 A.D.) there were many associations of kindred spirits who, like the fraternal orders of the West existed for the purpose of sponsoring benevolent works on the part of their members.

The Ts'ing or Manchu dynasty, however, did not look kindly upon secret societies, no matter how lofty and noble were the avowed objects, and soon after 1650 A.D. the Government initiated a policy of ruthless suppression, suspecting rightly enough that as long as such groups were allowed to flourish, the conquerors could never be assured that their imposed rule would be acceptable. Indeed, so drastic were the imperial decrees promulgated for the eradication of secret societies that all of them were driven underground, and practically disappeared except amongst the more lawless and intransigent classes.

The ineluctable consequences of the government's policy was



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Membership Card of a Chinese Secret Society

to make the Chinese secret societies more truly occult than those of other lands; for like Freemasonry in mediaeval Spain and Italy, the discovery of an individual's connection with any of them meant either death under torture, or at the least incarceration.

Even at the present day, many of these Chinese secret societies have fallen more or less under an official ban. It may be mentioned that the Hongkong Government has specially prohibited their functioning in the Colony, and in section 10 of the Societies Ordinance of 1911 it is stated in part:

(1) On and after 1st January, 1912, every society not being a registered society or an exempted society shall be deemed an unlawful society;

(2) The society known by the name of the "Triad Society" or "Savin-hop-wool" and any branch thereof, are hereby declared to be unlawful societies.

THE Triad Society has had a most remarkable history, and has been in existence in some form or other for centuries. Foreigners who have investigated its ritual assert that it possesses a striking resemblance in certain respects to Freemasonry. Indeed, in western lands, its members prefer to call themselves "Chinese Freemasons," and the aims of the fraternity are in every way laudable and worthy of respect. In fact, it was a branch of the Triad Society which first advocated the doctrines of revolt against the Manchu regime long before the birth of Dr. Sun Yat-sen.

The reasons for the prohibition of the Triad Society by the local colonial administration are said to be due to the acts of certain individuals who have perverted the original ideals of the fraternity into a sort of "racket" designed for the purpose of intimidating the illiterate masses of the Colony into paying blackmail or petty tribute, in much the same manner as predatory gangsters did in certain American cities before the United States Government put its "G-men" on the job of "vermin extermination."

Nevertheless, the Chinese Triad Society, under the leadership of able and conscientious men, has accomplished much that is noble. In New South Wales, where the order was founded in 1850 under the name of the "Chinese Masonic Fraternity," the first Grand Master, Loong Hung-pung, achieved much eminence in his advocacy of the overthrow of the Chinese monarchy and the establishment of a republic. It is even said by some that the various Lodges of the Order abroad were largely instrumental in fanning into flame the dormant spark of Chinese nationalism during the reactionary years of the latter half of the nineteenth century, when the effete Manchu dynasty was drawing to an inglorious end.

ANOTHER secret society which has flourished in China since the early Ts'ing period is the *Koh-lo-wool*, or "Elder Brothers' Society." This, too, is stated by those who profess acquaintance with its aims and ideals to be similar in many respects to the Triad Society. During the time of the Empire, every effort was made by the Manchu Government to suppress it, on the grounds that its meeting-halls were hot-beds of sedition.

Unfortunately, like some of the other Chinese fraternal associations of similar type, there has been a woeful fluctuation in its standards of conduct. Thus, in one community, we find the society extolled on account of its high ideals, and, in another, repudiated and scorned because its doctrines are a veritable avatar of irresponsibility and the incarnation of infamy. In certain cases, members allegedly of such a society have been accused of racketeering and petty extortion.

What is reputed to be a membership ticket or badge on this society is reproduced on this page. It is an interesting document, printed on a kind of linen or hempen cloth, and measures three by six inches in size. The upper corners, as may be noted from the illustration, are truncated. The upper segment, about three-quarters of an inch deep, bears the mystic inscription: "Lung-wa-shann," which is said to be the name of a certain mountain in Hukuang Province. The real meaning of this phrase is, of course, unknown save to initiates of the Order.

There are various inscriptions upon the document attesting to its official character. One of these is in the form of a rhymed couplet:

"Lung-tao-shann ts'in yat-chue-heung
Kung-yi-t'ong shung pa-meng-yung
Ta'ung-p'ant: ch'ung-t'ing chi-yip-mau
Ng-woo se-hot ch'iu-tung-wong."
A rather free translation is as follows:

"Before the Lung-wa mountain set a stick of incense flame
Within the Kung-yi Hall go win yourself an honoured name
The cyprus and the fir o'erhead, their leaders in green luxuriance spread
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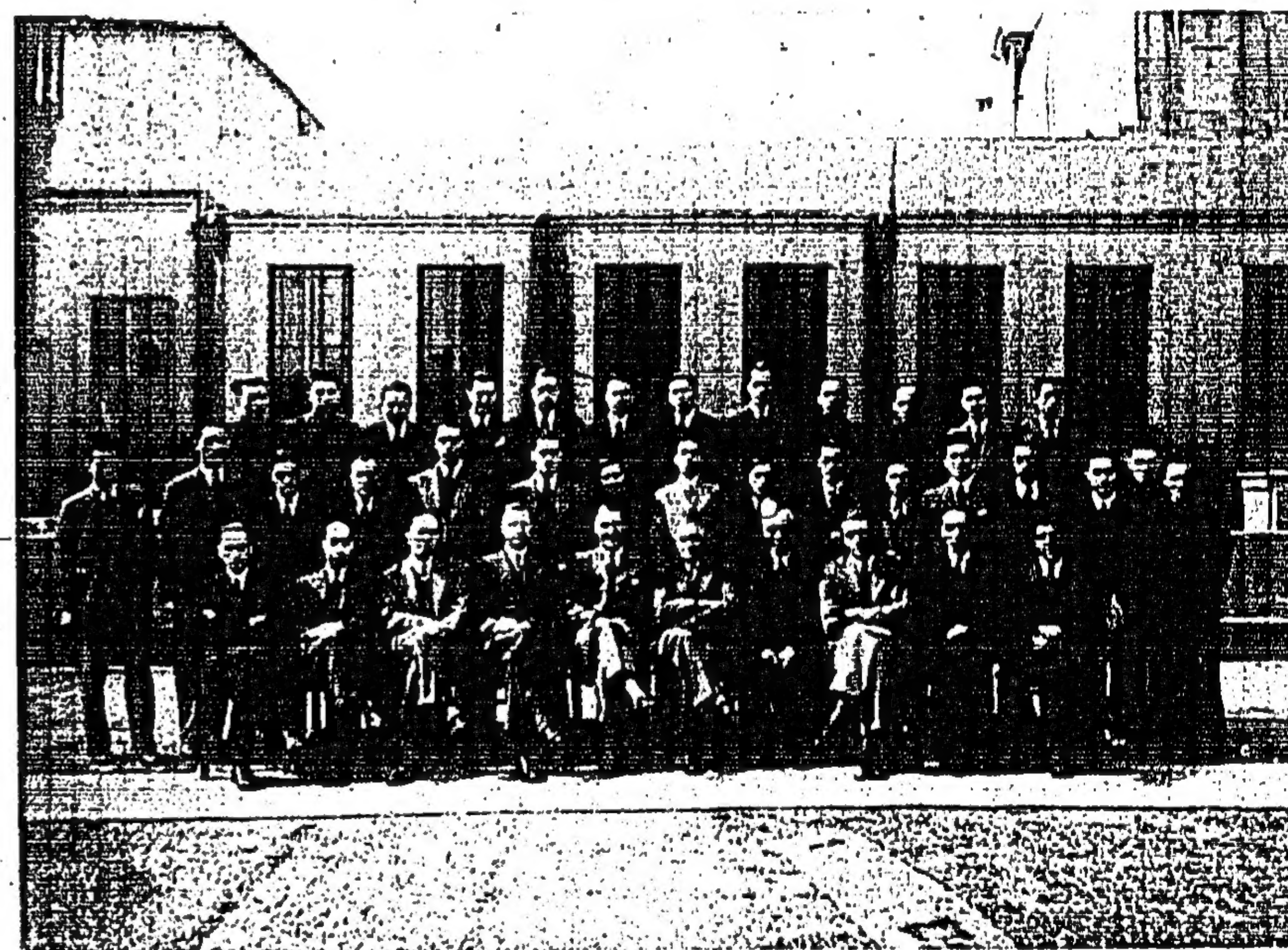
Fancy dress was worn by the guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. Sanchez at a Christmas Eve party. Mr. Sanchez is the Consul in Hongkong for the Republic of Panama. (Photo: Ming Yuen).



This sturdy Hongkong youngster, photographed at a Christmas party in Kowloon, is making strenuous efforts to masticate that lump of coconut. (Photo: Staff Photographer).



Friends of Miss Caroline Glover (centre) gathered at No. 40, Hampshire's Building on Christmas Eve for a party tendered for his daughter by Mr. V. B. Glover, of the Chinese Maritime Customs.



Members of the Staff of the Hongkong Office of Messrs. China Underwriters Ltd., photographed last week. (Photo: Ming Yuen).



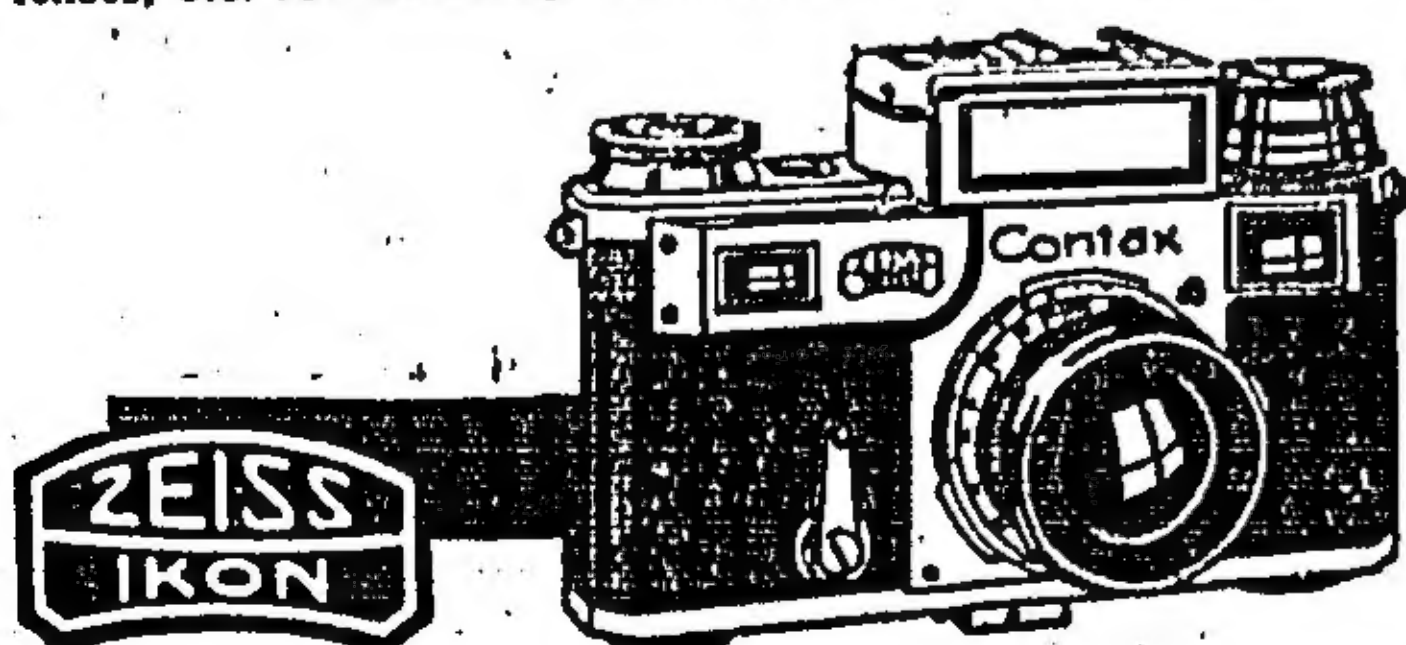
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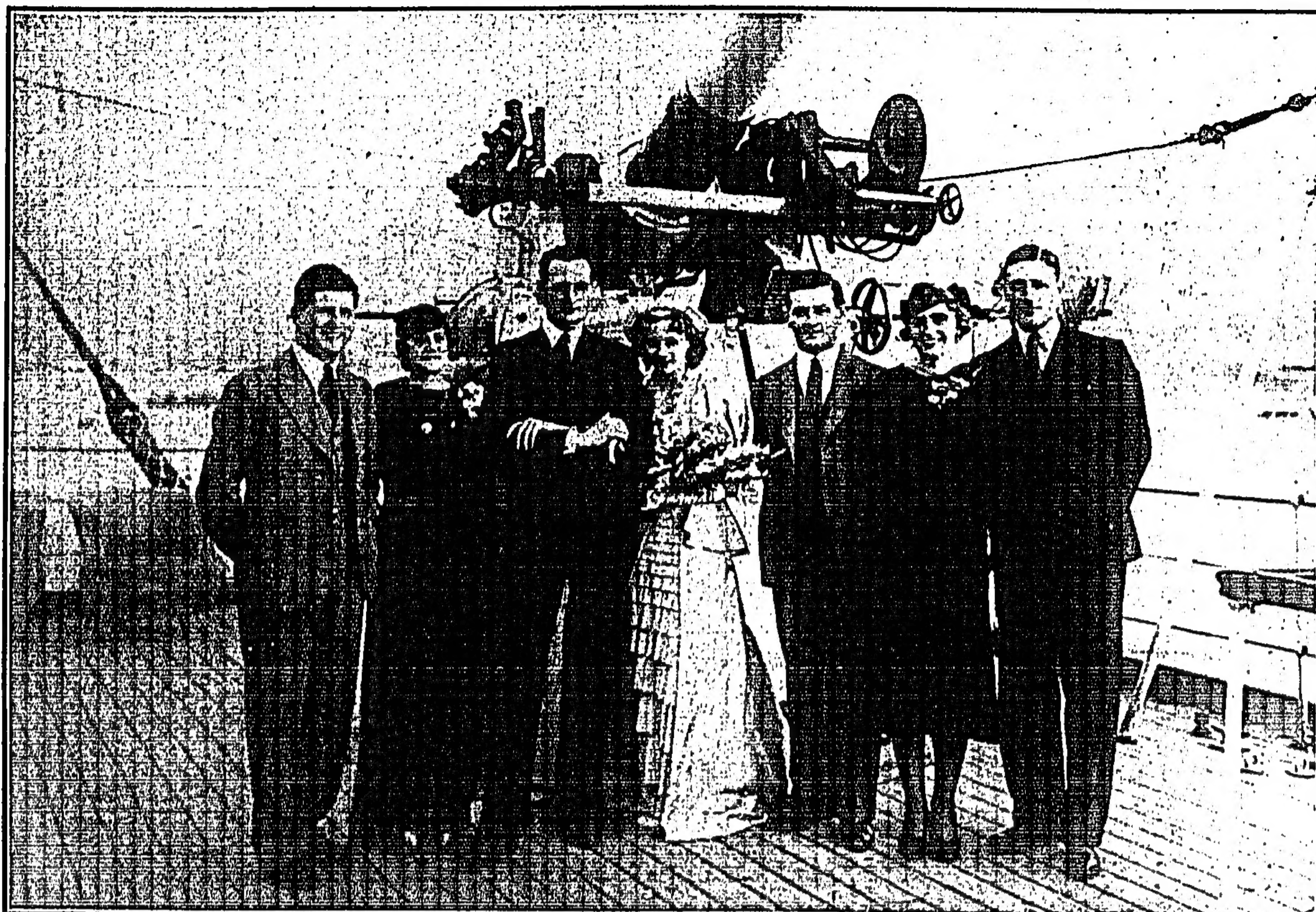
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BRIDE AND 'GROOM ABOARD THE MEDWAY



The bride made a delightful picture in a Marie Antoinette period costume of silver grey moire at the wedding this week of Mrs. Gloria Monroe (nee Kahler) and Lieut Robert L. Chavo, R.N., of H.M.S. Regent. Kobza-nagy took this wedding-photograph-of-the-week aboard H.M.S. Medway, where the reception was held after a simple ceremony at the Registry Office.

Should Hongkong "Ladies" Haggle In Shops?

WHEN summer cruises came into force some years ago and people who had never before been out of their own country were able to visit places which previously they had never even dreamed of seeing, the criticism was levelled against them that they appeared to be under the impression that entirely new rules of behaviour came into force the moment they donned their cruising outfit.

It was said that they went ashore and in the streets of Tangiers or the shops of Barcelona and behaved as they would never dare to behave in their own home town.

Whether that criticism was entirely just or not, I cannot say, but I do say that here in Hongkong one frequently sees Europeans behaving as they would surely never behave in their own country.

"In Rome do as the Romans," and, having presumably been told that every "native" is a robber and that in the East you should never buy anything without first arguing about the price and getting it down, they proceed to do likewise to the great humiliation of anybody of their own nationality who happens to be near. Absurd, isn't it? ... Is it honest? verandah the whole of his neatly "Come along. What's ten cents?"

No "Thank You"

NOR do they restrict their behaviour to perpetual and unreasonable bargaining. They never by any chance say either "please" or "thank you," invariably treat the little Chinese shopman, who is doing his best to be helpful, as though his only aim in life was to "do" them, and adopt an attitude of superiority which, in view of the fact that John Chinaman is probably doing for them what they cannot do for themselves, is ridiculous.

When one stops to think about it, how dependent for our comfort we all are on those obliging little shopmen of Nathan Road or Queen's Road. Whether it is loose covers and cushions you need, a mattress re-made, a suite of furniture of your own designing, new rattan, a favourite dress copied or pair of shoes made to measure, John Chinaman is always there to turn to—always "can do" and when he makes a promise, rarely lets you down.

Something for Nothing

SURELY he is worthy of better treatment than he frequently receives?

I suspect that, coupled with the modern desire of getting something for nothing, it is the very fact that things ARE so cheap that tempts the mean-minded shopper who likes to drive a bargain to try and get the price still further down. She (men are by no means exempt, but women are, I am afraid, the chief offenders) has been told that mattresses in Des Voeux Road are very cheap. "You can get a new one for \$2.50" says her friend.

So down to Des Voeux Road she goes and when the mattress-maker quotes \$2.50, says she will give him \$2. She knows that even at \$2.50 it is cheap compared with what she would have had to pay for the same thing in her own country, but is determined to get it still cheaper.

If she succeeds and, if trade is bad and rent day near she may, she will get into her car and drive home rejoicing, ready to tell all and sundry

Need For Little More Politeness

about her good fortune in getting her mattress for so little.

"Only two dollars, my dear. Absurd, isn't it? ... Is it honest? Do people who always pay less than they need to, realise that they are keeping down the standard of living of the poorest paid members of the community?"

Inconsiderate

THE same woman, if she has no Mahjong engagement and is at a loose end, will allow a Chinese youth, who pedals laden and perspiring to her bungalow, to unpack on her verandah the whole of his neatly packed stock, merely for the pleasure of looking at it and comparing his prices with those of his confederates, who was there a few days previously.

Have we not all heard women say: "Here comes the pedlar. I don't want anything. I haven't got any money to spare, but let's see something—and I admit John is willing to unpack the whole of his stock on the chance of selling even 50 cents worth—the awful haggling over prices begins."

"No Can Do"

\$3? Absurd! I'll give you one" and in reply to his smiling "Solly, Missie, no can do" assures him and everybody else who happens to be there, that she has never heard of anything so ridiculous. She knows that in Tientsin you can get it for half that price.

Of course you can, but we are not in Tientsin, nor is John Chinaman a charitable institution. He is a tradesman anxious to earn a living.

I have heard people say, by way of excuse, that the oriental loves bargaining. I wonder....

Perhaps he does when it is done in friendly fashion as in the "souks" of Morocco, the bazars of Cairo, where the customer is offered a cigarette and cup of coffee over which, time being no object, seller and buyer endeavour to arrive at a price agreeable to both.

In any case, even if you can't agree, you would never tell him, as I recently heard an arrogant young woman in Nathan Road, that you had never heard of anything—so "can do" and when his English proved unequal to your voluble expostulations, that he was a fool incapable of understanding anything.

Not A Bad Fellow

ON the contrary, considering that the little shopman is probably quite illiterate, albeit a clever craftsman, it is surely remarkable that he manages to learn sufficient of our language to be able to do business with us at all for we never bother to learn any of his. That he is a simple fellow and lives on so little a day, is no reason for compelling him to sell to you at so small a profit that he can never aspire to anything above his present rate.

It is not unusual to hear a European who has succeeded in getting the price down and down, yet cannot get it past the last ten cents, say: "Come alone. What's ten cents?"

Exactly. What is a ten cent piece? Probably nothing when it comes out of the woman's purse, but when it goes into John Chinaman's, a complete meal.

In every country both in the West and in the East there are tradesmen who will try to benefit from the ignorance of the newcomer or pass-

ing tourist, but, if you have made it your business to find out, roughly, what you should pay for a certain article, then it is unreasonable and immoral to attempt to get the price below what you know you ought to pay.

MOREOVER we should do well, now and again, when considering whether we are getting good value for our money, to give a thought to the actual people who make us what we require: the serious faced men sitting over rattling sewing machines all the long day so that our drawing rooms may be gay with chintz covers, the patient women weaving endless rattan so that we may sit in comfort.

If we use a little imagination, pay what we know we ought to pay and, but this is more difficult, try to be as courteous as is the Asiatic himself, we shall enjoy our purchases all the more when we get them home.

D. C.

Week-End Problems

PROBLEM I

A WALK IN THE PARK

Lord Umph has a magnificent park, in shape a perfect circle. It is exactly one mile in diameter. At its centre stands a summer-house, and from here, in various directions, grassy paths run in straight lines to the circumference of the park.

There are also numerous other paths running in various directions. But all of these, also, follow a perfectly straight course.

One day I was walking along one such path, which traversed the park from circumference to circumference, with a retired schoolmaster named Calculus. We had walked, we reckoned, just 600 yards when we reached a clearing where our path intersected one of the paths leading to the summer-house. "Ha!" exclaimed Calculus. "I know this spot. This summer-house is exactly a quarter of a mile away."

"So what?" I said, not much interested.

"Why," said Calculus, "we can now work out the total length of this path along which we are walking."

It took him about two minutes to do so.

What is the total length of the path?

PROBLEM II

WORD SQUARE

My first is a building—a blemish—a fur-coated animal too;

My next is a world-famous poet—an expert on love (as some know it);

My third is a tree—and it's also a substance that's something like glue;

And my last is a garden—or river—or one of our rulers might do!

(Answers in Column 4.)

TEST ANSWERS

By Whose Hand?

(Solution)

Where had the whisky come from? No bottle, pocket flask or receptacle of any kind was found. The unknown stranger correctly presumed by Playfair to be Simon Maguire's murderer—had taken his flask away with him; leaving behind—owing to sudden panic—the evidence of his presence in the room.

Current Affairs

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(3)	1	(11)	3	(19)	2
(4)	3	(12)	5	(20)	4
(5)	1	(13)	1	(21)	1
(6)	2	(14)	5	(22)	1
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Week-End Problems

PROBLEM I

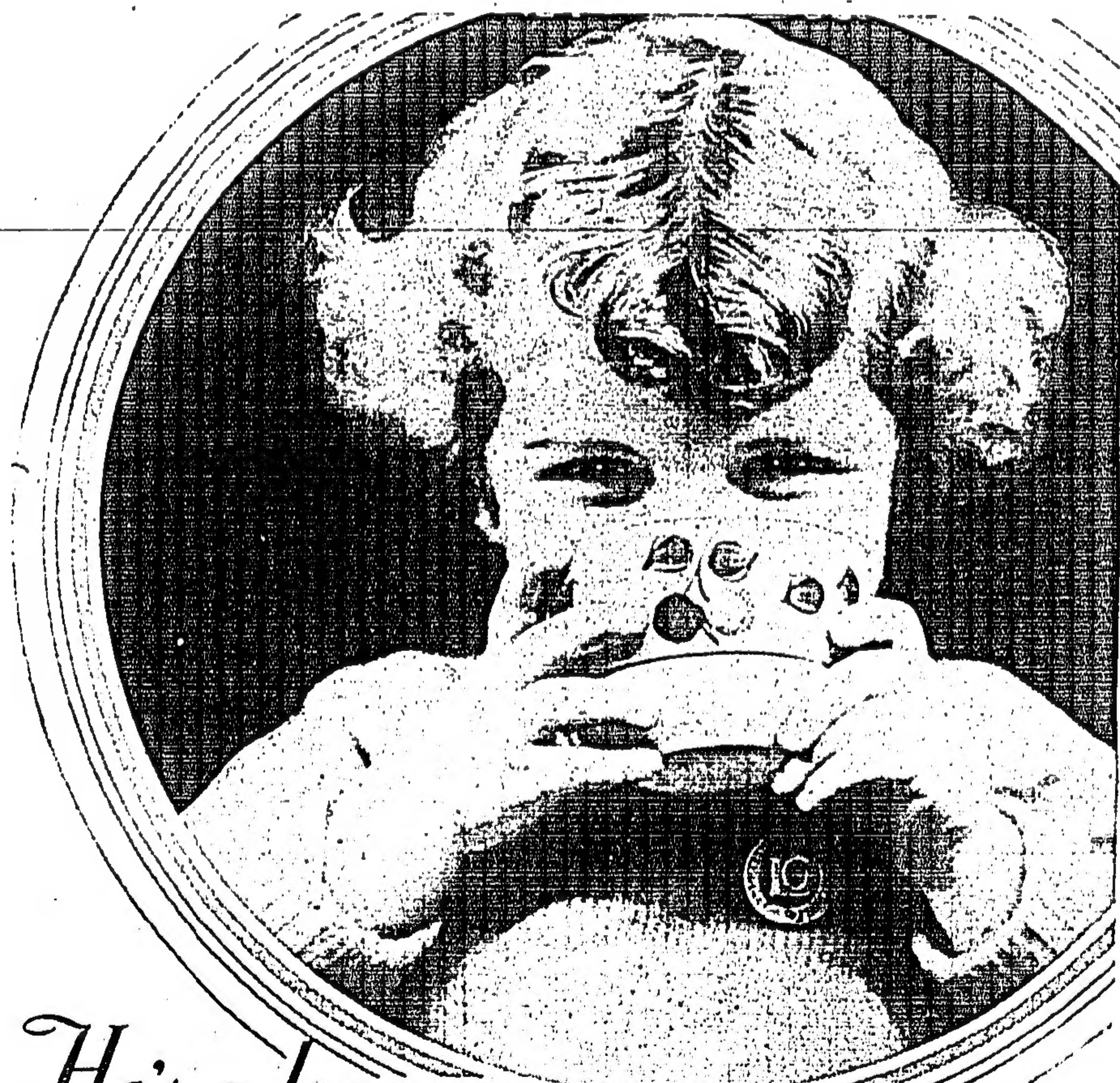
A WALK IN THE PARK

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PROBLEM II

WORD SQUARE

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SWEETS & SAVOURIES

FOR a cold supper sweet you can't beat Banana Cream.

Slice three bananas and put them in a glass dish. Sprinkle with the juice of a lemon sweetened by one ounce of castor sugar. Boil the lemon rind in a tumbler of milk with 1/2 oz. sugar and pour it into the beaten yolk of an egg. Return to the saucepan and stir over a gentle heat for five minutes, with boiling. When cool, pour over the bananas and leave till cold.

Slice another banana very thinly, put it in a basin with the white of the egg and a desertspoonful of castor sugar, and whip till it is like thick cream. Pile it on top of the custard and serve.

CUT peeled bananas in halves. Smear with raspberry jam and roll in desiccated coconut, or cover with melted chocolate and sprinkle with chopped raw apple or blanched almonds.

At lunch time it's always easy to make fruit salad with bananas, grapes, oranges, apples or a green salad with nuts and bananas to flavour.

FOR something to end up with try Shredded Wheat Savoury. Crumble up some Shredded Wheat, one per person. Damp them with a cup of milk. Mash one banana per person and spread on top of the wheat. Break one egg per person and let float on top. Sprinkle over some grated cheese and a few little knobs of butter. Bake in a fairly hot oven till the eggs are nicely set.

AND here are two banana sauces, one for sweets and one for savouries.

1. Peel some bananas (not over ripe). Put in a saucepan with a little water. Add a bit of bay leaf, one clove, a dash of cayenne pepper, and half-teaspoonful of red-currant jelly. Boil together for a few minutes, then rub through a fine sieve and serve hot or cold.

(2) Peel three bananas and rub through a sieve. Boil three-quarters pint of water 2 oz. of loaf sugar and a strip of lemon rind. Add the banana pulp and reduce a little. Toss in a glass of marsala or sherry. Boil up again, strain, and serve hot with your fritters or whatever.

BY WHOSE HAND?

EPISODE FROM
INSPECTOR PLAYFAIR'S
NOTE BOOK

SERGEANT DUMBELL, entering his superior's room, found Joshua Playfair busy with his lens. He was examining photographs of a tumbler, which had been so treated as to display the finger-prints on the glass.

"Maggieles," he said briefly.

Dumbell looked surprised. "Case of suicide, sir, surely?" was his comment. "Everybody says so."

"Dear me," answered Playfair, motioning the other to a chair. "Here, ladies and gentlemen, we have one of the Yard's brightest detectives—a candidate, I'm told, for the Inspectorate—and he wanders around Headquarters citing 'everybody' as a witness. Let me remind you, my dear Dumbell, of the motto of I think, Haig of Bernerside. No," he added, "not Haig; but one of those Scottish caeflains."

MURDER

"And what is that, sir?" asked Dumbell, looking a trifle crestfallen. "They say," quoted Playfair, "they say. Let them say, Dumbell," he repeated, with suppressed excitement in his voice. "Mr. Maggieles did not commit suicide. He was murdered."

"Dumbell's face registered astonishment. 'Poison, sir?' he asked, staring hard at the tell-tale photographs.

For the second time Playfair's reply was sarcastic. "Evidently," he said. "One can tell at once, can't one, from these photographs that the contents of the glass were poisonous? Pull yourself together, man. Sit there and listen to me, and I'll explain what I have in mind."

Dumbell had the sense to make no comment.

"The death of Simon Maggieles," said Playfair, speaking now in dead earnest, "had, as you say, every appearance of suicide. Let me—" he glanced at the reports at his elbow—"let me recapitulate the facts. Maggieles was a man of doubtful character, and of doubtful financial standing. Some say he was a share-pusher. At any rate, his activities have been reported to the Public Prosecutor's department.

"Two days ago he arrived in town and took a single room in Bloomsbury. A cheap, sparsely furnished room for which he was to pay a pound a week. Last night he was seen to come in about ten o'clock. He was then alone, and there is as yet no positive proof that anyone paid him a visit.

THE TUMBLER

"But someone did pay him a visit, Dumbell; I'll stake my reputation on that."

"The tumbler!" exclaimed Dumbell, who was following with close attention.

Playfair smiled faintly. "I'm coming to the tumbler presently."

"This morning," he continued, "at about 8 o'clock, Mr. Maggieles' land-

lady knocked at her lodger's door. She opened the door, which was unlocked, and found, as you know, a dead body. There was every appearance of suicide. Maggieles lay crumpled on the floor, a pistol—his own pistol, with his own finger-prints on it—having apparently fallen from his hand. The finger-prints are consistent with his having held the pistol. So is the wound in his right temple.

"In short, Dumbell, we could accept the hypothesis of suicide—were it not for this tell-tale glass."

"Ah!" said Dumbell. "So they're someone else's finger-prints?"

Playfair frowned. "No, I'm sorry, but once again you're wrong. We're up against a very clever man. This glass—which contained, not poison, but whisky and water—it was left about a quarter full—this glass, Dumbell, bears the finger-prints of the late Maggieles.

"But—here's my point—there's something fishy about them. Look at the photographs. What you'll see—he handed over his lens—is the finger and thumb-prints of Maggieles' right hand, cleverly impressed, but impressed once only, on a newly-polished surface.

"Does that make sense, Dumbell? I suppose it's theoretically possible that Maggieles, having clasped the glass firmly in his hand, never shifted the position of his fingers and never touched it with the other hand. But, surely, it's most unlikely. The suggestion that came to my mind, as soon as I saw these photographs, is that someone polished the glass and then impressed Maggieles' finger-prints, after he was dead.

"And if that's so, Dumbell, it's the work of someone who is undoubtedly a criminal and, almost certainly, a murderer."

Dumbell had followed with close attention. "You're right, sir," he said. "The suicide's a fake. What I'm going to do," he said, "is to set various routine inquiries in motion."

"A constable appeared at the door," "Take this to Superintendent Patterson." The constable withdrew.

"What you're going to do, Dumbell," continued Playfair, "is to get from you a complete and exhaustive statement of what there was in that room."

DUMBELL'S NOTEBOOK

Three hours later Dumbell, armed with his notebook, presented his report.

"The room," he began, "was a small bed-sitting room, about ten feet by nine. There's a gas-fire in it, a ring for boiling a kettle, and a sink, with hot and cold taps. It's lit by a single electric bulb. The bed is a single bed; one of those new-fangled contraptions that let down from the wall. By the way, I've searched the bed-clothes; nothing is hidden there."

"Good," said Playfair. "Continue."

"Apart from the bed," said Dumbell, "the only furniture is a table—on which that tumbler was standing—a wicker armchair, and a chest of drawers. The chest of drawers was empty. Mr. Maggieles' possessions were all in his trunk, a cheap affair of imitation hide. They were—" he consulted his notes—"a clean shirt, two collars, a suit of pyjamas, a pair of socks, a safety razor and a cake of soap rolled in a towel. Also, wrapped in newspaper, a shaving brush, toothbrush and tube of toothpaste. And his hat and coat, sir, were hanging behind the door."

"That all?"

"That's all."

"And what was on Maggieles' person?"

Dumbell again turned to his notebook. "A handkerchief. A wallet containing two pounds and a return ticket to Northampton. A bunch of keys. A fountain pen. Eight and sevenpence in change; and a railway timetable."

"And that's absolutely all?"

"Yes, sir."

"You've been through the room with a tooth-comb?"

"Yes, sir."

"Looked under the sink?"

"Yes, sir."

FINGER PRINTS

Playfair stroked his chin. "Good enough, I suppose, by the way, no new finger-prints have come to light?"

"None, sir."

"I didn't suppose any would. Well, Dumbell, we have to search for a criminal as to whom, so far, there's no clue. But it's quite certain that someone, other than Maggieles, was in that room last night. The evidence of those finger-prints is firm."

"What reason has Playfair for saying so?"

(Solution on Page Two.)

HUMOUR SECTION

WHY WINTER COMES AND HOW!

By
L. W. LOWER

Cruel, unkind Winter sneaks upon us. Already I have commenced the task of shovelling the moth-balls off my woollies. My woollen jacket which Mrs. Lower knitted with such loving care last year is now, happily, in such a state of disrepair that I am at last furnished with an excuse for not wearing it.

Hitherto, I have had to sneak furtively down back lanes with my overcoat tightly buttoned over it. Even then, such is the instinct granted to the lower forms of animal life, dogs have growled and whimpered as I passed and people on the Star Ferry have moved away from me.

Moths, it seems, have no scruples. They'll come at anything.

My mother-in-law is knitting me a pair of bed socks. Red ones with tassels on them. Last year the cat slept in one and the wife used the other one for polishing the silver-ware. I shall probably be made to wear a muffler. This also will be home-knitted.

However, I am used to a muffler, and know exactly how far away from the house I have to be before I take it off and put it in my pocket. When returning home I put it on again just before entering the front door.

I wish I knew how to knit. I'd get my own back on some of these generous souls. Not that I don't know how to knit, mind you, but I'm no good at this fancy stuff.

Last year I knitted a tent. I thought it would be cosy for the week-end. Unfortunately, it rained one night and it shrank so much that my young nephew is now wearing it as a beret.

Mind you, I'm not saying that winter hasn't got its compensations. Hot rum with lemon and sugar in it, for instance.

LUCK IN WINTERS

You folk are mighty lucky in your winters. In Alaska it gets so cold at times that you can snap the flame off a candle and carry it around. This saves a lot of candle. On the other hand, you have to get out of bed and pound the flame with a sledge hammer before you can get it to crack up and go out. Frozen, of course.

In the particular part of Alaska where I was located they gave you a hammer and a pair of tongs to eat your soup with. You first cracked the soup up with the hammer and then fed yourself with the tongs in order to avoid frostbite.

My experience in Alaska put ten years onto my life. I was there only nine and a half years, but I had to wait six months for a boat. It was in Nome that I first learned to knit. It is at home now that I am forced to hold skeins of wool while the wife rolls it into a ball.

"How much longer have I got to sit here like a big mug? Holding my arms out like a big mug? I want to read my book!"

"Not much more to go now. Mind, it's caught in your thumb!"

RAY OF HOPE

"Why don't they sell the flaming stuff rolled up in balls? Anyhow, what are you going to make with it?"

"I'm going to knit you a jumper."

"What! Out of this stuff? Can you see me in a pale pink jumper? Do you think I'm a bit? The dog can sleep on it!"

"There you go, you've got it all tangled up."

"I wouldn't be found drunk in a nulla-nulla in a thing like that!"

"If you're thinking of any experiments in nulla-nullas, you can take the sweater off before you get in."

"I won't wear it!"

"Oh, yes you will! Spoken quite calmly, just like that."

And the awful part of it is that I know I'll have to wear it. Just for the sake of peace and quietness.

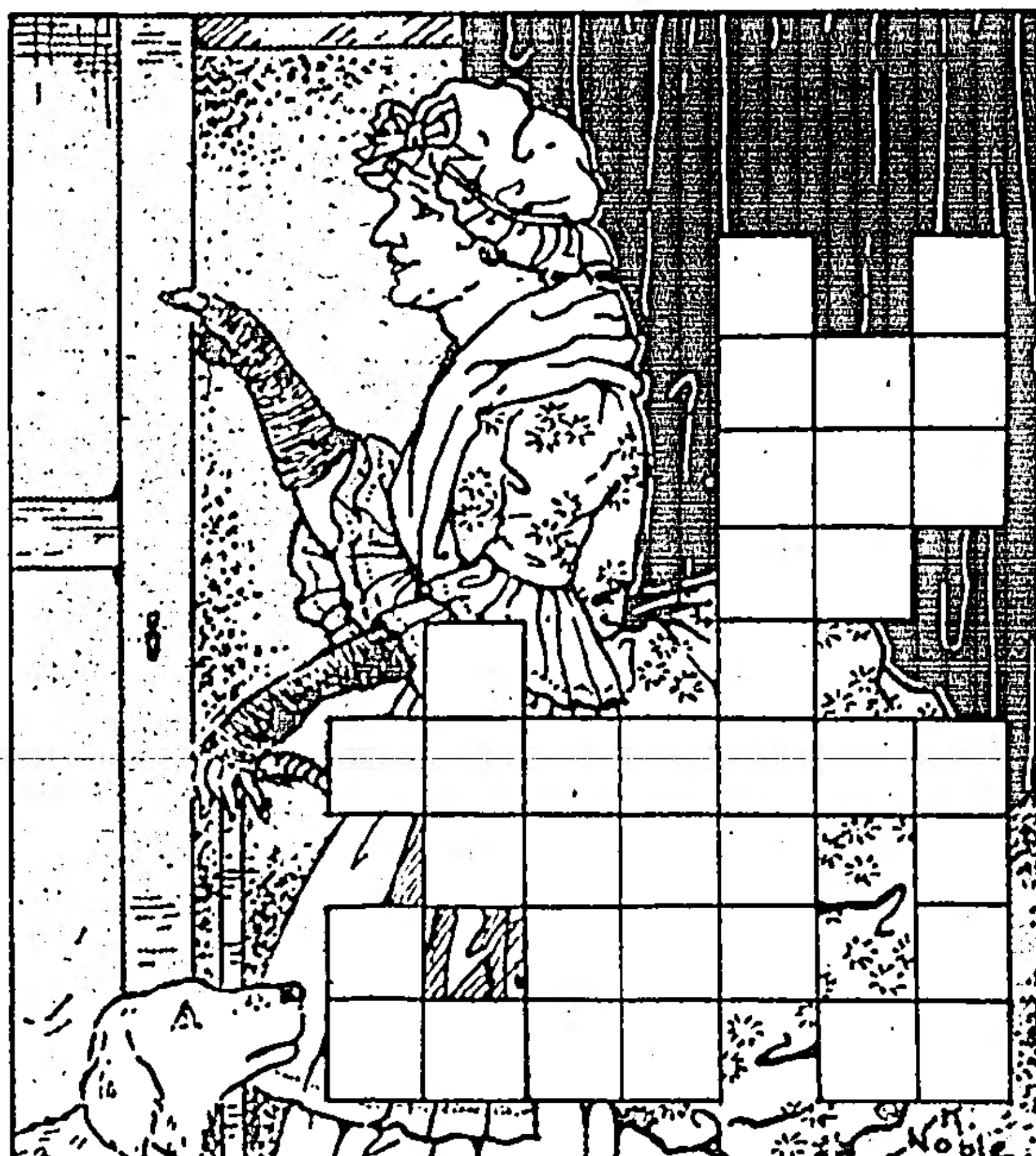
There is one ray of hope, however. Judging by past performance, it won't be finished until next summer, and by the time she has done the sleeves four or five times and dropped a few dozen stitches here and there, it will probably finish up as a tea cosy or a child's overcoat at the church bazaar.

Many years ago, before I was married, she knitted me a scarf. I used to carry it in my pocket until it was time to meet her, and then I would put it on. Such is love. Now that I have more sense I just leave the things in trunks and come



The mild winter they're having in Hongkong has almost spoiled this trip for the wife.

Girls' and Boys' Corner



This is all my own work

Name Age
Address

Dear Kiddies,
Did you have a jolly Christmas? I suppose all your parties are over now and soon you will be settling down to school-work again.

I received a large number of Christmas cards this year and I want to thank Betty and Laurence Becker, Margie Xavier, Yeung Kit-wa, Suen Mo-uk, Amalla and Maria Sates, Wong Chiu-yung, Ho Shuk-chun, Ho Man-chen, Aurea Marques for their very kind wishes. I was ever so

home frightfully upset about losing them.

If someone would only knit me something sensible, like a type-writer cosy or a knitted sort of arrangement to go over cold door-knobs or some flesh-coloured thing to go over the tip of my nose, there might be some sense in it. As things are, I'm just here to be practiced on.

I can see only one way of getting through the knitting season without serious domestic trouble. I will suggest that my two small nephews be knitted a complete outfit from herets to booties. They're too young to put any real fight, and by the time the outfits are finished, the nephews will be too big to wear them, so no harm is done and everybody's satisfied.

Anyhow, judging by the present rate of progress in the knitting department at home, I will have nothing to worry about until 1940—and in the meantime, anything might happen.

Next week I propose to give full details of a knitted thimble for sail-makers.

pleased to receive those cards, thank you so much.

Wong Chiu-yung: In last week's competition, the name of the second bird was Bluebird, so you guessed correctly.

This week's competition is a clueless crossword puzzle. It is a simple puzzle with words out of that favourite rhyme, "Old Mother Hubbard."

A clueless crossword means that the words below are not clues, but the actual words to be fitted in across and down to fill the spaces.

The best way is to fill in the longest words first. Then you will see how the shorter words fit. Ink or pencil may be used. Do not forget to fill in your name, address and age in the coupon below the puzzle. The words to be used in the puzzle are:

ACROSS

USE, HUBBARD, IS, NOD, PAT, POOR, THEN, BY

DOWN

CUPBOARD, AT, BONE, DOON, DOGS, PET, PUP, SAY.

Send your entries to Uncle Eddie, c/o "Hongkong Telegraph," before 4 p.m. on Wednesday.

The prizes will be given in order of merit for work which is correct and the best completed according to age.

A Happy New Year to you all.

Uncle Eddie.

Current Affairs Test

HOW TO DO IT

Five possible answers are given for each question. Example: Prime Minister of Great Britain is (1) Anthony Eden, (2) Hailsham, (3) Baldwin, (4) Chamberlain, (5) Lloyd George. The number 4 meaning Chamberlain has been placed at the right of O on the score sheet. (Solutions on Page Two.)

Home Affairs

1.—Parliament meets on January 12. Historically, Parliament goes back to the reign of (1) George I, (2) King Alfred, (3) Henry III, (4) Charles II, (5) William I.

2.—The First Lord of the Admiralty has visited Malta. He is (1) Mr. Oliver Stanley, (2) Mr. Ormsby-Gore, (3) Lord Swinton, (4) Sir Thomas Inskip, (5) Mr. Duff Cooper.

3.—His Majesty the King has assented to the marriage of Princess Frederika of Brunswick to Prince Paul of Greece. Consent of the British monarch was necessary because Princess Frederika is the (1) great-granddaughter of Queen Victoria; (2) daughter of King Edward VII; (3) niece of Queen Victoria; (4) daughter of King George V; (5) grand-daughter of Queen Victoria.

4.—New military observation posts have been erected on the Hong-kong-Kwangtung border. The frontier is delineated by (1) the Pearl River; (2) a large line of mountains; (3) the Shum Chun River; (4) a barbed-wire fence; (5) the Kowloon-Canton-Railway.

World Affairs

5.—The Tatars Government has resigned in (1) Roumania; (2) Czechoslovakia; (3) Albania; (4) Poland; (5) Hungary.

6.—Japanese have landed on Wangcum Island, near Hongkong. Wangcum Island is (1) British; (2) Portuguese; (3) Chinese; (4) French; (5) Russian.

7.—The Japanese have captured the capital of Siam. The chief town of this province is (1) Tientsin, (2) Nanchang, (3) Hankow, (4) Tsinan, (5) Changsha.

8.—Iwane Matsui has issued further warnings to China to cease resistance to Japan. Matsui is (1) Premier of Japan; (2) Japanese Foreign Minister; (3) Commander-in-Chief of the Japanese naval forces in China; (4) Ambassador to China; (5) Commander-in-Chief of Japanese forces in Central China.

General

9.—Shanghai was heavily bombed by Japanese planes this week. Shanghai is on (1) the Yangtze River; (2) the Shanghai-Nanking Railway; (3) the Canton-Hankow Railway; (4) the Kowloon-Canton-Railway; (5) the East River.

10.—Lord Rutherford was buried in Westminster Abbey. He has left an enduring reputation as (1) biologist, (2) physicist, (3) astronomer, (4) chemist, (5) psychologist.

11.—Steve Donoghue is retiring and will become a trainer. He rode the Derby winner six times, the last time being in 1925 on (1) Captain Cuttle, (2) Humorist, (3) Manna, (4) Papyrus, (5) Gay Crusader.

12.—Japanese planes have frequently been sighted over Lantau Island, which is (1) Chinese; (2) Portuguese; (3) Philippines; (4) French; (5) British.

13.—A new de Havilland plane was used by Imperial Airways on the Hongkong route this week. The machine was named the (1) Daedalus; (2) Delphinus; (3) Danne; (4) Doric; (5) Diana.

14.—Annabelle's husband passed through Hongkong this week. Annabelle, a famous French star,

Sports and Books

15.—Another successful pantomime was produced by the Y.M.C.A. in the film (1) Souls at Sea; (2) A Star is Born; (3) Broadway Melody of 1938; (4) Captain Courageous; (5) Wings of the Morning.

16.—In "Punch and Judy" Mr. Val Gielgud brings "Punch" to life. The title role is played by (1) Sacha Guitry, (2) Fredric March, (3) Paul Muni, (4) William Powell, (5) Harry Burr.

17.—"The Life of Emile Zola" is a full-length historical film. The title role is played by (1) Sacha Guitry, (2) Fredric March, (3) Paul Muni, (4) William Powell, (5) Harry Burr.

18.—"The Complete Memoirs of George Sherston" is a trilogy. "Sherston" is (1) Siegfried Sassoon, (2) R. C. Sheriff, (3) Walter de la Mare, (4) Compton Mackenzie, (5) Eric Linklater.

19.—John Buchan has produced a new historical study. His subject is (1) John Knox, (2) Augustus, (3) Gustavus Adolphus, (4) Pericles, (5) Montrose.

Sport

20.—The lead in the First Division of the English Football League is still maintained by (1) Leeds, (2) Arsenal, (3) Wolves, (4) Brentford, (5) Preston N.E.

21.—The Hongkong Mixed Doubles Championship was won this week by (1) Fincher and Miss Perry; (2) Rumjahn and Mrs. Chiu Chun-chiu; (3) Mr. and Mrs. Burnett; (4) Guest and Miss Griffiths; (5) Capt. Murray and Mrs. Holmes.

22.—Joe Louis will defend his heavyweight title at Madison Square Garden on Feb. 23 against (1) Schmelling; (2) Farr; (3) Braddock; (4) Carnera; (5) Nathan.

23.—Australia has already chosen its captain for the next Test series in England. The team will be led by (1) McCabe, (2) Oldfield, (3) O'Reilly, (4) Bradman; (5) Richardson.

SCORE SHEET

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SCORE:

Bridge Problem No. 40.

By "FINESSE"

♠ Nil
♥ 5 3
♦ K
♣ Q J 7
W N E
♠ Nil
♥ 9 8
♦ J 9 8
♣ 10 6

Clubs are trumps. South leads and North-South must win six of the seven tricks.

Solutions by Wednesday to "Bridge Problem," Hongkong "Telegraph," Wyndham.

SOLUTION OF NO 39

South leads diamond—six which North wins North wins with king of clubs and leads queen of clubs which South ruffs South leads diamond seven which North ruffs with queen of spades and leads small spade which West must win and then must lead up from queen-nine of diamonds to South's ace-ten.

This problem was found not too difficult and the great volume of solutions proves that this type of tricky problem has a great fascination for many people. There were far too many correct to give names. To the few who were wrong I may say that an opening lead of trumps fails.

Correct solutions from Mrs. A. K. "Enjoy," R. U. M., A. E. G., "Seasy" and J. K.

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These kiddies had a happy time at a Christmas Party held on Christmas Eve at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. T. Davis. (Photo: Ming Yuen).

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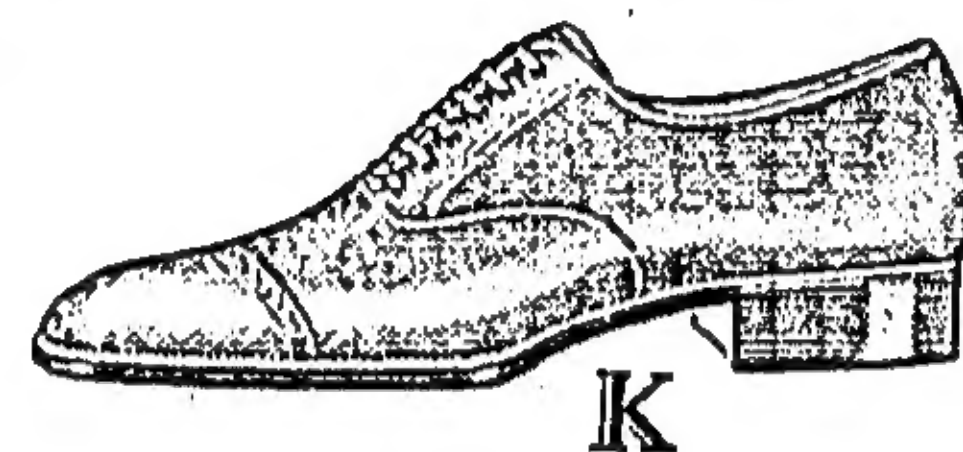
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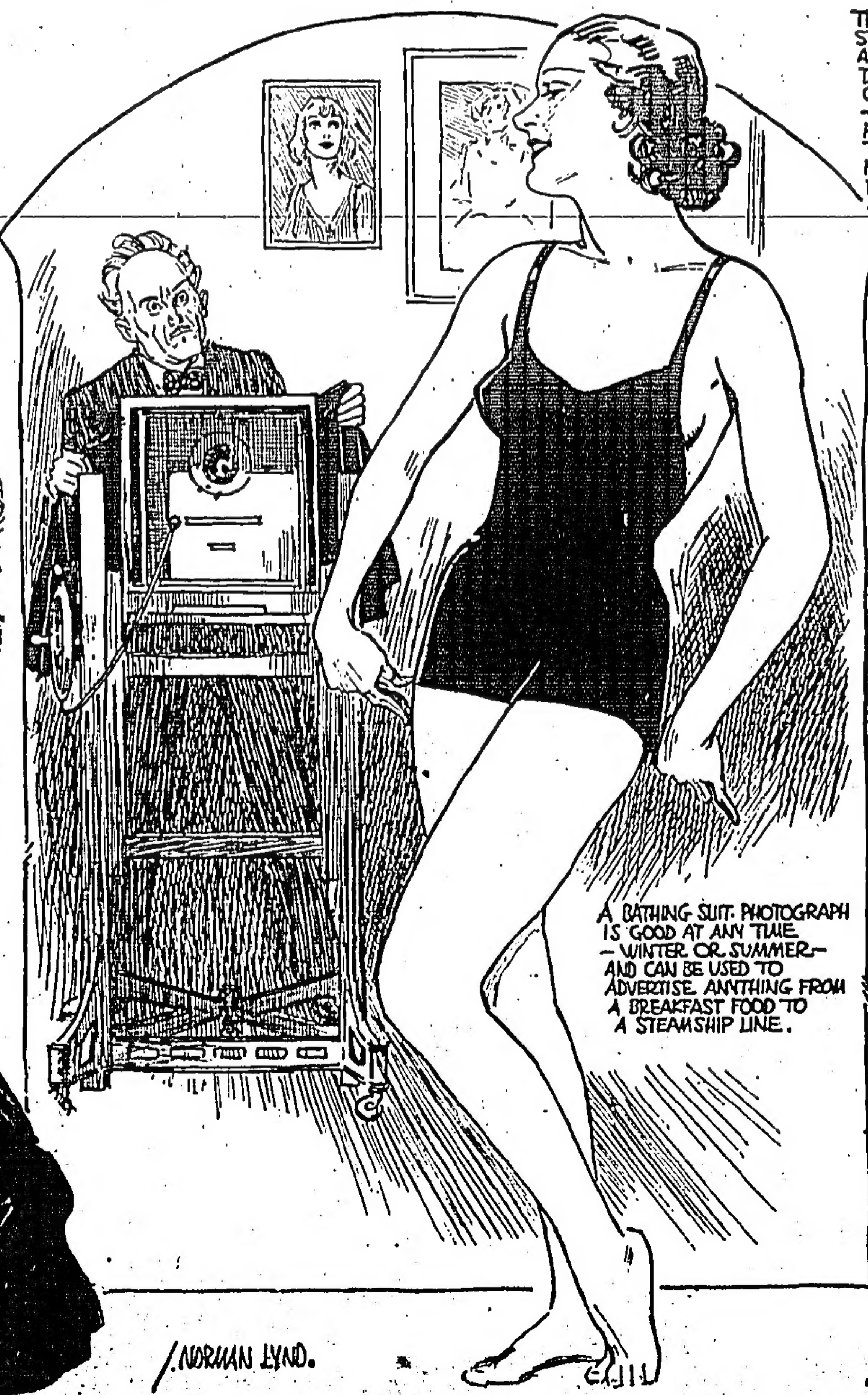
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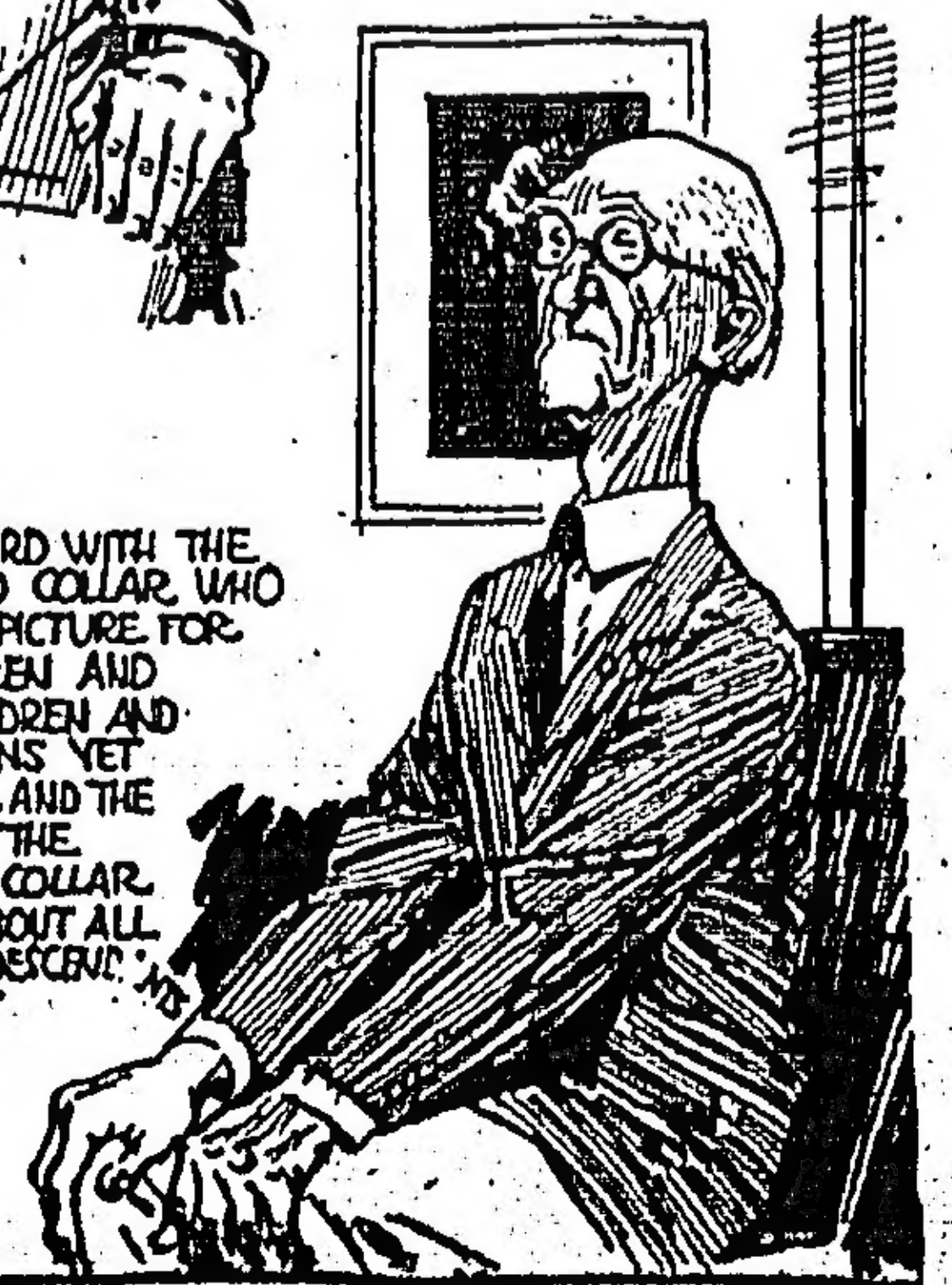
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AUSTRALIAN PONIES ADDED LUSTRE TO MEETINGS

1937 WAS NOT BRITAIN'S BEST SPORTS YEAR



Henry Cotton, who upheld British golf prestige by winning the British Open and then beating Denny Shute in a "world Championship" match in 1937.

Islington Corinthians' Fine Record

LOSE TWO OUT OF 38 MATCHES

Writing from India on December 22 Mr. Thomas Smith, Manager of Islington Corinthians Football Club stated: "You will be pleased to hear that we are doing very well in India having played 28 games in 37 days, winning 22, drawing 5 and losing 1."

The record of their tour up to the 22nd is therefore as follows:

Played 38, Won 28, drew 8, lost 2.

The two matches they lost were: 30.10.37 Selected XI Port Said and Canal Zone 1-4.

21.11.37 Decca Sporting Association 0-1.

According to their itinerary, they have now finished their Indian Programme and are en route to Rangoon, arriving there on January 3. Two matches will be played there after which they will sail for Penang to commence their tour through Malaya. They will leave Singapore for Hongkong on February 11 per M. S. Aramis arriving here on February 18.

F.A. COUNCIL MEETING

A meeting of the Hongkong Football Association Council will be held in the Association Offices, Room No. 205, Gloucester Hotel Building, at 5.30 p.m. on Monday, January 3.

By H. L. Percy
United Press Staff Correspondent

London.

From the international point of view Britain had a far from satisfactory sports year in 1937.

Take the two sports most generally popular—golf and tennis. In golf, she managed to break just about even. But tennis was an almost complete flop.

Henry Cotton won the British open golf championship at Carnoustie, in terrible weather and against the United States' best, and a few days later he beat Denny Shute, American match play champion, to establish himself as the world's best golfer.

But Britain lost the Ryder Cup match at Southport, to the United States by 8 points to 4, the first "away" win in the history of the contest. And the British open amateur championship was an Anglo-American affair, the winner being Robert Sweeney, originally from New York, but now resident here.

The women's open championship was won by Miss Jessie Anderson, in an all-Scottish final. No American was entered for this competition, the only British title which has never crossed the Atlantic.

In tennis, Britain got one and a half titles out of five, compared with four in 1936, and lost the Davis Cup and Wightman Cup.

Miss Dorothy Round, now Mrs. Douglas Little, won the women's singles at Wimbledon, beating Miss Jadwiga Jędrzejowska of Poland, 6-2, 2-6, 7-5, and Madame Simone Mathieu, of France, and Miss Billy Yorke, of Britain, won the women's doubles.

High-spot of the Wimbledon fortnight, however, was the record triple win of red-headed, 21-year-old Californian, Donald Budge, who captured the men's singles, and shared in the men's doubles with Gene Mako, and the mixed doubles with Alice Marble.

PRACTICALLY FOREGONE LOSS

The loss of the Davis Cup by Britain after four years was practically a foregone conclusion. Fred Perry had turned professional and there was no one to take his place.

Early in the competition there were some doubts whether it would be the United States, Australia or Germany who would challenge Britain for the cup, but after the United States' triumph at the final, most of these doubts disappeared, and eventually America beat Britain 4-1.

The Wightman cup match between British and United States women was even more easy, America scoring her seventh successive win by 6-1.

Only two other sports can be said to have entered—the international field in 1937. These were yachting and boxing.

In the race for the America's Cup, off the Maine coast, the American yacht, Ranger, completely outclassed the British Endeavour II, by 4 races to 0.

BOXING BRIGHTER

Boxing presented rather a brighter outlook. Tommy Farr, of Wales, British and Empire heavyweight champion, proved himself the best contender for the world title in nearly 40 years.

Joe Louis, the Brown Bomber, beat him, and beat him easily, on points over 15 rounds, in New York, with Louis' title at stake, but the (Continued on Page 4.)



Mrs. Little (Miss Dorothy Round) who scored Britain's only important victory in international tennis contests during 1937.

THE CHINA SUB GRIFFINS TAKE \$37,322 IN STAKE MONEY

Among the China ponies subscription griffins, the Hongkong Jockey Club handed out stake money to the extent of \$37,322, but almost a quarter of this sum went to Gordito who was without any question a first class animal.

As in the past, several sub-griffins were late in coming to form, but after the resumption—Shipmaster, Tobby Cat and Yum Sing showed up remarkably well, especially the first named pony, which finished second in the St. Leger and the Autumn Sub-Championships. After running second to the winner, Stopwatch, in the Swatow Handicap on March 27, Pagan Love went to the hospital, and although entered he never accepted any race during the second half.

The latest report about this cream pony is that he is still under a cloud, but the connections are confident of getting Pagan Love in condition for the coming Annual Race Meeting.

The undermentioned list will show the lucky owners.

Adam	150
Air Mail	150
Aramis	1,350
Arax	1,275
Atomic Star	
Barometer	
Bouldnor	
Busok	425
China Clipper	
Chiu Shan	
Chun Teen	
Clover	175
Coronation Day	2,802
Decease	850
Despair Bay	
Ding Dong	
Election Day	150
Fellar	600
Feudal Knight	425
Flying Arrow	8,222
Gordito	975
Happy Venture	1,100
Helpaphant	150
Inca	150
Lancashire Tich	725
Ling Long	50
Mac's Adventure	950
Malolo	150
March Brown	1,200
Mariposa	1,500
National Anthem	1,500
National Faith	600
National Wisdom	
Naughty Cat	2,421
Pagan Love	
Park View	
Prak View	

GAVE RACING FANS THRILLS, FAST TIMES, & NICE DIVIDENDS

(By "Capt. Foster")

The excellent state of the going at all the Meetings including the Annual Carnival offered many opportunities for our Australian ponies to demonstrate their horse-power, there being five track records broken during the season and it can be said, without any fear of contradiction, that the Australian cobs always provided the best events of our programmes.

No official record has as yet been established for the new distance from the 1½ mile post (about five furlongs), which was first run at the Fourth Extra Race Meeting on May 1, for all the winners over this course were under the weight for inches as per scale. The fastest run over this distance was performed by Double Finesse sired by Double Court in the Corroborre Handicap when the mare with a load of only 137 lbs. (18 lbs. under weight) covered the course in 57.4/5 seconds, averaging 24.3/5 seconds per two furlongs for the last half-a-mile.

Bobnik Star (which pony unseated his jockey in the New Bridge Handicap and was eventually destroyed) held the record time of 1:17.2/5 for six furlongs from February 19, 1935, but Lancashire Chips lowered it by four-fifths of a second on May 1, when he annexed the Canterbury Park Handicap in 1:10.3/5. It should be noted that the latter, carrying 148 lbs. won the Queensland Handicap in wonderful fashion of one minute sixteen seconds, but being four pounds under weight, the time could not be accepted as an official record.

Messrs. Johnson and Alabaster's Ranger was in great form when he captured the Collopie Handicap over a mile in 1:44.3/5 against the turf record of 1:45 held by Saucy Face established on April 22, 1935, but the speed was not acknowledged by the Steeplechase Club owing to the fact that Ranger was running a couple of pounds under the basis of weight for inches. It was indeed a great blow to an "A" class racer, more so to Able Amazon which won the Saughton Handicap "A" class over the same distance in 1:43.4/5 because this brown mare was carrying eleven pounds of lead under the scale weight.

From the two mile post, once round and in, Electron with 155 lbs. under the able assistance of Mr. N. Deitz romped home first in the Adelaide Stakes on February 24 last by three lengths in 1:55.4/5 as against 1:56.2/5 set up by Strathroy carrying the "limit" load of 165 lbs. on April 13, 1936, but on March 29 this weight had no difficulty in annexing the Broken Hill Handicap with the greatest of ease in 1:55.3/5, lowering Electron's figure by a fifth of a second.

Strathroy was in good form at the Annual Carnival when he had an easy passage in the Australian Ponies Championships covering the circuit of 1½ miles in 2:10.3/5, lowering his own record by a fifth of a second, but he did not summer too well owing to the skin trouble and as a result he was unable to line up in the Queensland Autumn Championships. Strathroy was undoubtedly one of the finest Australian ponies we have had and it is to be hoped that he will be a starter at the coming Annual Race Meeting.

Gypsy Love, the best Australian sub-griffin of this season, captured the Rooley-Hill Derby in amazing time of 2:43.3/5 lowering Cold Morning's record by four two-fifths seconds, but the little maiden gave a very disappointing display in the Autumn Championships.

Persian Cat	425
Playboy	400
Prospero	250
Badium	
Reborn	
Rondo	2,075
Shipmaster	
Spring Beauty	
Standard Time	
Successful Time	
Tabby Cat	2,150
Tempest	1,507
The Baboon	
Trent	1,200
Tze Tin	1,500
Weedon Seal	600
Whaleys	2,025
Yum Sing	1,250

\$49,480 IN STAKE MONEY

STRATHROY'S \$4,300

The total of stakes paid out to the Australian ponies including the subscription griffins of this season was \$49,480 and in comparison with last year's figure, the amount has been increased by \$7,821. This was mainly due to the restoration of stake money in all the events after the resumption and also the introduction of "C" class races. The list is made up as follows:—

Able Amazon	\$2,350
A Great Time	950
Amulet	850
Australian Boy	1,000
Asic	200
Bag Tor	200
Beat That	2,525
Blandford	150
Bobnik Star	400
Boronla Belle	150
Brutus	1,350
Centre Court	1,250
Courting Eve	1,083
Derby Day	950
Dick Turpin	1,600
Discovery Bay	2,100
Double Finesse	1,800
Electron	4,031
Gypsy Love	1,000
Hercules	1,050
Holiday Eve	250
Home Brew	1,450
Home	4,166
Katinka	1,300
Lancashire Chips	200
Lazill	
Lanarmon	
Liangollen	
Medieval Knight	
National Unity	
Neglin	450
Perfect Day	
Petroushka	
Precious Stream	900
Ranger	950
Rhodium	850
Rooley	
Rossland	
Saltire	2,250
Saucy Face	300
Snowy River	300
Solera	200
Strathcarleek	4,300
Strathroy	
Streamline	
Such Fun	300
The Right Time	300
Twilight Star	1,200
Violet Queen	1,200
Vixen Tor	
Zodiac	

(An "X" after a pony denotes sub-griffins of this season.)

It will be seen that this year's sub-griffin, Gypsy Love, heads the list with \$4,631 to her credit and then comes Strathroy collecting \$4,300 for his owner. Lancashire Chips is not far behind with \$4,166 to provide his own upkeep, but Able Amazon, Blandford, Double Finesse and Saucy Face have each earned over \$2,000 to pay for their show.

The wonderful come-back of Able Amazon does not require any fresh writing, but the manner in which this brown mare won the Autumn Championships, spoke volumes for the training of this pony by the Russian boy.

Another pony which is worthy of reference is Brutus. This charger could not earn a cent in 1936 (the year of his griffinhood) but the introduction of "C" class events gave Brutus innumerable chances of collecting stake money and he finished the season with a credit balance of \$1,350. However it is interesting to relate that the total of stakes paid out to the old Australian ponies amounted to \$20,450 while the sub-griffins of this year claimed \$29,030 thus aggregating in all \$49,480.

RACING NOTES BY CAPT. FOSTER

Best 12 Australian Stallions

DOUBLE COURT A FINE STUD

As this paper will no doubt find its way to Australia, I think it is only right that the breeders down in the Antipodes should know something about the success of the off-springs by various stallions. Space is somewhat limited, but I have compiled a list of a dozen best stallions showing the amount of stakes won by their daughters and sons during the season.

By Bobnik Star	\$ 150	Total
By Snowy River	150	\$1,100
By Backwood		4,531
By Gypsy Love	\$1,250	
By Double Court	1,083	
By Centre Court	950	
By Courting Eve	1,050	
By Derby Day	2,100	
By Double Finesse	300	
By Such Fun	150	5,033
By Bravado		
By Fernkloof	\$ 800	
By Discovery Bay	800	
By Able Amazon	1,650	
By Noelin	850	
By King's Treasure	2,350	
By Lord Lyndhurst	\$1,500	
By Rosalind		1,500
By Little Deen		4,100
By Lancashire Chips		
By Paelet	\$4,300	4,500
By Strathroy		
By Pippinewa		2,525
By Sunny South		
By Trusty Servant	\$ 850	3,100
By Australian Boy	2,250	
By Saucy Face		1,650
By Toyrene		
By Home Brew	1,600	
By Wallace Isinglass	1,800	
By Electron		

It will be seen from the above list that all the ponies sired by Double Court have done exceptionally well, but the geldings (Such Fun and Bravado) seem to be second class runners. As a matter of news, all the off-springs by Double Court are sprinters.

LIST OF LEADING OWNERS

Sir Victor Sassoon, Bt., is again at the top among the list of stake winners confined to the Derby griffins. Havoc Eve and Happy Eve helped first and second with a credit balance of \$4,401 and \$3,987 respectively. Mrs. L. Dunbar's Red Feather is third while Mr. Li Po-chun's Expansion Time is just behind with a very small difference of money.

However it is a pleasure to relate that Happy Eve and Expansion Time have not been replaced this season, the former facing the tape three times while Mr. Li Po-chun's move came under Mr. Potts on seven occasions. Sir Victor's Havoc Eve won (Continued on Page 9.)

SUNDAY MEETING AT MACAO GOOD PROGRAMME ARRANGED

(By "Captain Foster")

Those who are spending the weekend at Macao will not regret calling round at Arcia Peta on Sunday where an attractive programme of six events will be staged under the auspices of the Macao Jockey Club.

First saddling bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m., and the first race will be run at 2 o'clock.

The s.s. Kinsland will leave the usual pier at 9.30 a.m., returning at 7 p.m., instead of the usual 6 o'clock. The extra hour will no doubt be much appreciated by race goers and excursionists.

The curtain raiser will be the Szechuen Handicap over six furlongs and I fancy Meadow Eve to pass the post first. Rothsay Bay and Merry Mucker should fill the minor positions.

Courcour Bleu has a good opportunity of making amends in the Ching Hoi Handicap over seven furlongs, but he must keep a good eye on Hohenfels, Gold Cluse and Hognanny who have been allocated 163 lbs. and I am afraid the weight will hinder their chances. As an outsider I recommend Country Flower or Wood Nymph, both having only 135 lbs. to carry.

It has been whispered to me that the Kansu Handicap over five furlongs, but I would like to know something about Lancashire Tich and Mac's Adventure. The two mokes are speedy merchants over short distance and a good start means everything.

I have not much information about the condition of Shih Yin Grand, but he has been kindly treated by the official handicapper who has set him to shoulder only 140 lbs. in the Xmas Handicap over a mile and this pony is worth \$5 each way. After his easy win in the Autumn Handicap on November 14, Shanghai 4 should be a hot favourite for the same event, but Victory Life, I am sure, will give him a good run for the money.

The penultimate event, the Sing-king Handicap over six furlongs, has attracted six runners from the Happy Valley and we shall certainly see a keen tussle between Gold Sovereign and Royal Consort. The latter has my vote. Couvalence is nicely weighted and so is Gold Coin.

The Ladies Dash (unofficial) over five furlongs will not lack the usual keenness and interest, but I must regret that I have not been able to ascertain the names of the Ladies who are going over to the Portuguese colony to ride and under the circumstances the tipping must be left to readers' discretion.

My selections for the first five events are as follows:

SZECHUEN HANDICAP

Meadow Eve

Rothsay Bay

Merry Mucker

CHING HOI HANDICAP

Courcour Bleu

Hohenfels

Hognanny

KANSU HANDICAP

Lancashire Tich

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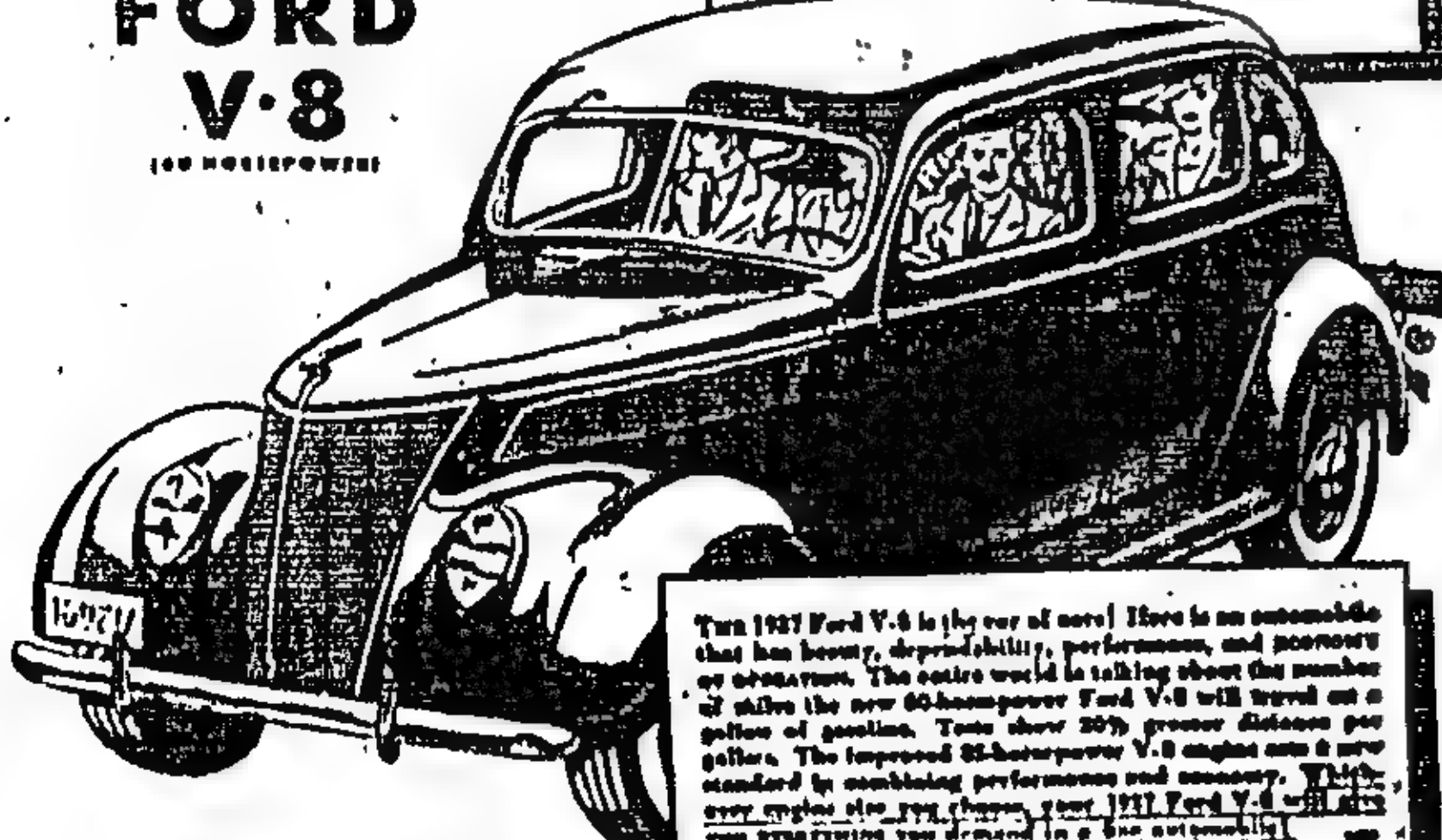
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CRICKET NOTES

BY R. ABBIT

To-Morrow's Triangular Tournament Match Tops Holiday Programme

NAVY MAY SUFFER FROM SAD DEPLETIONS IN THE SIDE

It was a matter of great regret to me that I was not able to de-patch my astral body to Kowloon on Monday last to watch the game between the K.C.C. and the Royal Navy. Corporally I was sitting in the score box of the H.K.C.C. and so had to forego the pleasure of witnessing this game.

The Navy batted first, turning out a somewhat weak side and managed to get to a total of 157, thanks chiefly to Skelton and Cotman who each had a nice thirty. Kyrke had crick- ed up twenty before he deflected one into his face and was nastily cut. He was unable to take any further part in the game.

Like the Navy side Kowloon were not at full strength, but they had a pretty useful team which should have done very much better. Cotman and Paxton are useful bowlers but they should not have been able to dis- miss the home side for 127 had not there been a good deal of bad batting about. The two opening batsmen, Perry and Anderson, collected 83 of the total between them. Arthur Lay had 15 and Ernie Fincher had 12. The remaining seven batsmen scored 12 between them!

At King's Park Kowloon ran up a total of 197 thanks almost entirely

to F. J. Lay (89), Mullenby (37) and Dunne (30), who did practically the entire amount of the scoring. I gather the other batsmen went out for runs quickly. The Navy second were also a bit on the weak side. Fynn was run out for 24 (I seem to remember this happening before), while Wauchope made 28. I notice that there seemed to have been a last wicket stand between Paymaster Lieut.-Commander Nicholson (1) and Lieut.-Commander Moir (1 not out), which I am informed lasted no less than six balls.

HONG MATCH

The European staff of the H.K.E. were much too good for the local staff, for whom A. R. Minu knocked up a gallant 63 out of 101. Gahagan, Peers, Stoker, J. R. Way and H. S. Jones all got double figures though Mr. Extras was the top scorer with 28!

TO-MORROW'S GAMES

So far as I know there are two games in the Junior Division—both non-League games—between I.R.C. and Navy second, and between the second eleven of the Army and the H.K.C.C. at Sookonpoo. The University Present also are playing the Past—who will, I expect, be repre-

sented by Heerelo, Craigengower and K.C.C. men. None of these Clubs have a game fixed.

TRIANGULAR TOURNAMENT

The big game of the day however will be the Triangular Tournament game on the Club Ground. The Navy so far have beaten the Army, while the Club had far the better of their Army match but failed to win. There is no doubt the Army side played much better last Monday than they did against the Navy. It should therefore be a good game against the Navy but I cannot help thinking the Club should either win or have the best of the draw. Un- fortunately for the Navy Walters and Oyle are both playing Ruggier. Kyrke is down to play, but by the look of his face (or rather bandages) on Wednesday evening it looks to me as if he would be fit for nothing more energetic than umpiring or scoring! Curious also, I am told, has pulled a muscle and is a somewhat doubtful starter. It is most devoutly to be hoped that both of these players can turn out—as the Navy bowling will be sadly weakened if not.

Boucher is of course a host in himself, especially if there is a bit of dew on the wicket; but besides him there are only Colman and Pax- ton to do much bowling. Whit- marsh's heel prevents him from bowling very much, and he can only manage slow medium at the best. I learn that before he bruised the bone so badly he was a fast bowler and rather gather it is an affection of the same type as the shin-soreness which put an end to N. A. Knox's career as a fast bowler.

NEW PLAYERS

The Navy are playing a couple of new men in Wilson, who played for Harrow before entering the Navy— (and also bowls a bit I believe)—and Pay, Sub. St. Sutherland. I am looking forward to seeing how they shape.

The Club side, if no one calls off,

Rugby County Championship

London, Dec. 30.

In the Rugby County Cham- pionship replay, Devon scored a splendid victory over Glou- cestershire at Gloucester to- day by 13 points to three.—*Reuter.*

is pretty strong and is at present, A. W. Hayward (capt.), T. A. Pearce, H. Owen Hughes, M. F. L. Haynes, F. H. Stokes, L. D. Kibbee, M. R. Swain, F. Marshall, D. McEllan, R. E. H. Nelson, and J. L. C. Pearce. Swain comes in for Baker, Haynes for Richardson, and Nelson for Allen. Nelson has not played much serious cricket lately I think, but he seems to be a free left-handed batsman who would be good to watch if he avoids being caught behind the wicket early on. It should be a good match.

A HAPPY NEW YEAR

I will conclude these brief notes—the last to appear in 1937—by wishing my readers a Happy New Year and plenty of runs and wickets.

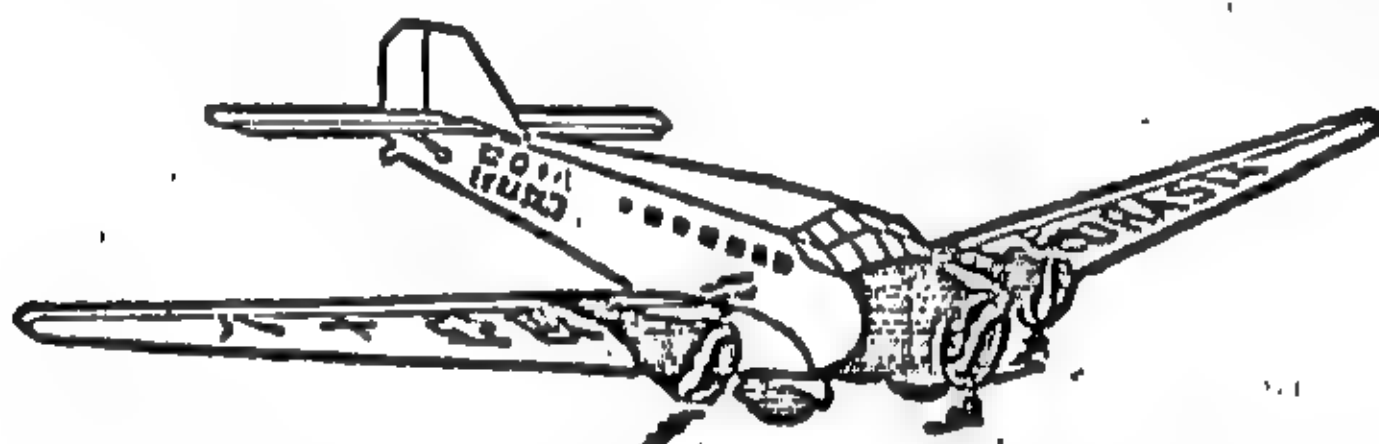
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In addition, the Lusitano Cup and St. George's Plate, but Mrs. Dunbar annexed her own cup, the American Club Cup and the St. Andrew's Cup. The Club paid out an aggregate of \$34,071 to various owners of 25 griffins, but only five runners failed to earn a cent, the list being made up as follows:

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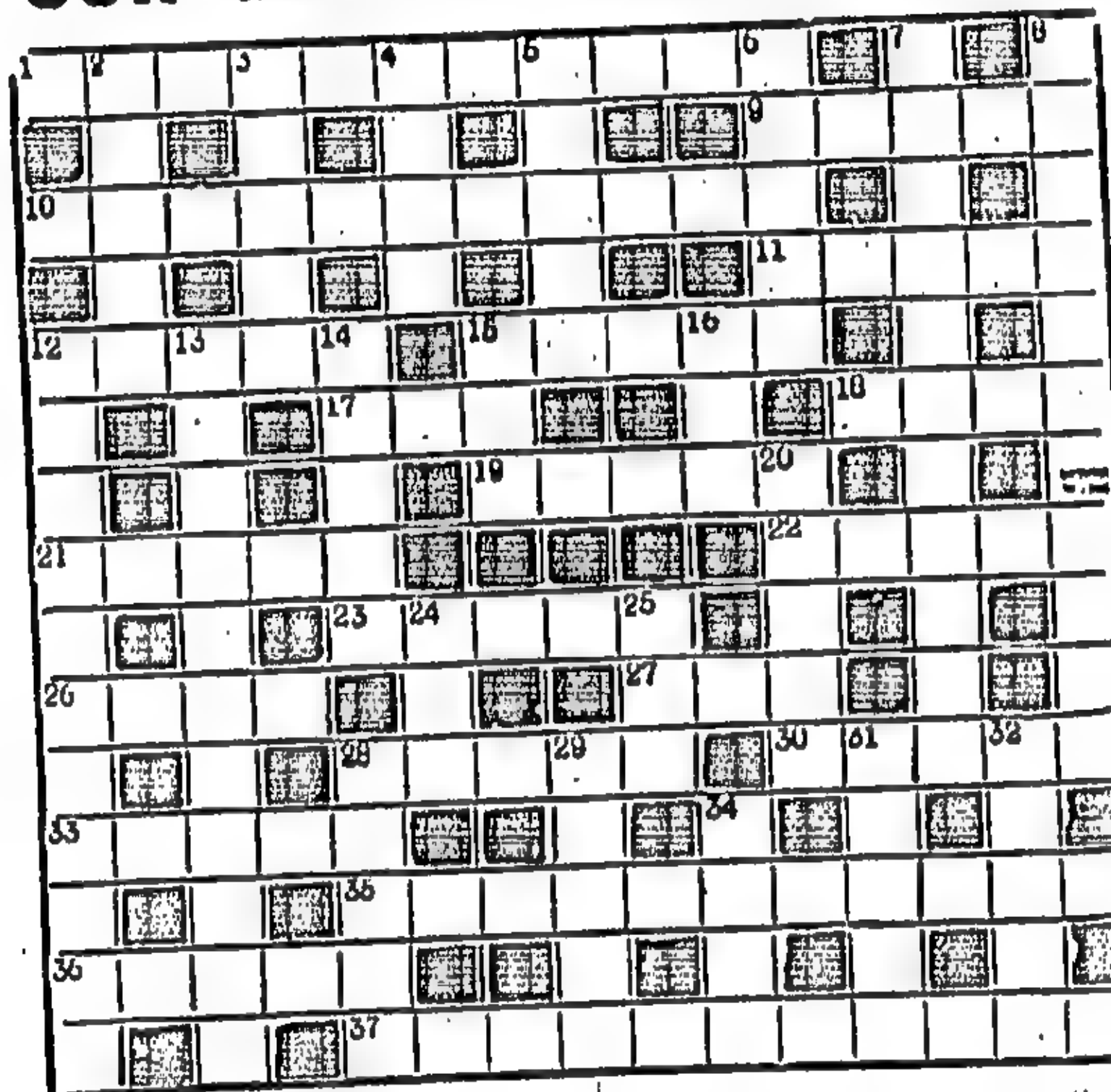
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- 12 Even a King is below this (5).
- 13 This order is cited in another order (5).
- 14 A bit of the regalia (3).
- 15 A constituent of 19 across (4).
- 16 Add copper to 18 across (5).
- 17 Many lose in a near result (5).
- 18 They always have this gibe on in Somerset (5).
- 19 A grim advice to find in slaughter (5).
- 20 The musician will observe that it must be either a, b, c, d, f, or g (4).
- 21 Singular arrangement of three-quarters of 20 across (3).
- 22 A drop in the trade barometer (5).
- 23 The boy starts burdened (5).
- 24 A bit of macabre news (5).
- 25 Making do somehow is in improving (11).
- 26 The lot (5).
- 27 Handy deception (11).
- 28 To do this will strengthen a weak solution or a weak memory (11).
- 29 Favourable occasion to show a harbour (11).
- 30 Only one book? We shall need a few in the coming festive season (5).
- 31 Decline (3).
- 32 The mathematician's favourite in the kitchen garden? (3).
- 33 This yard does not measure distance but weight (5).
- 34 Much the same as 36 across (3).
- 35 A spring plant? (3).
- 36 Food that does not make pigs the end of it (5).
- 37 The code of the taproom? (5).
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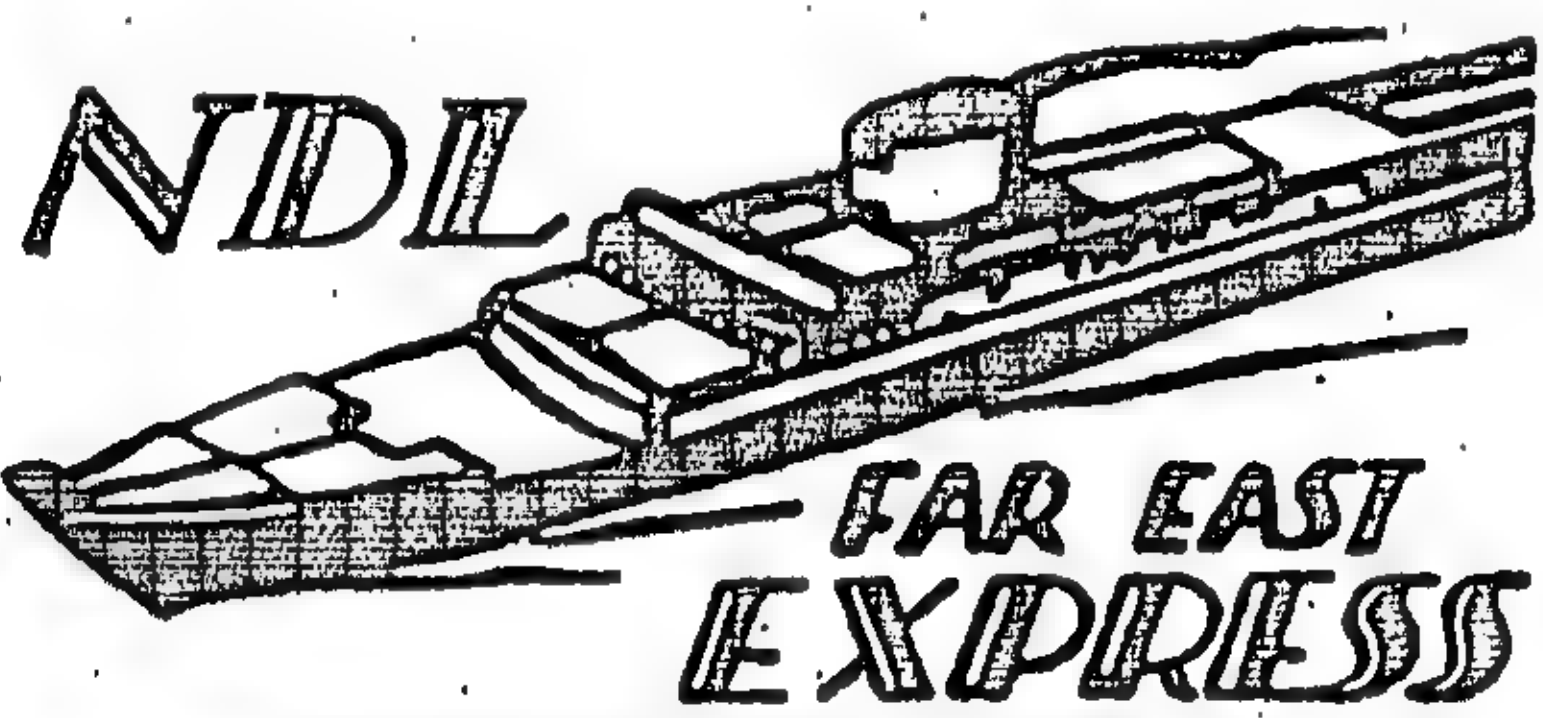
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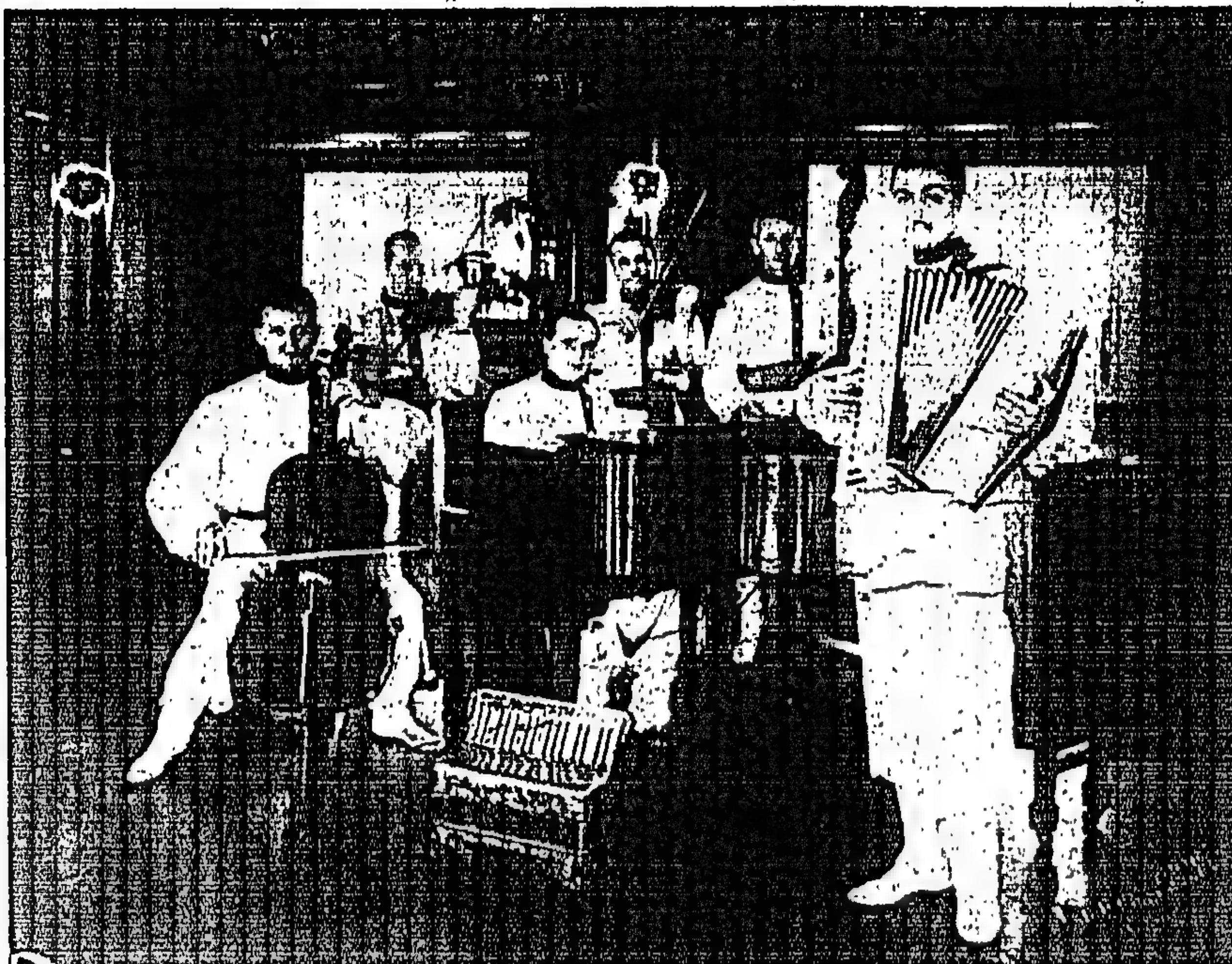
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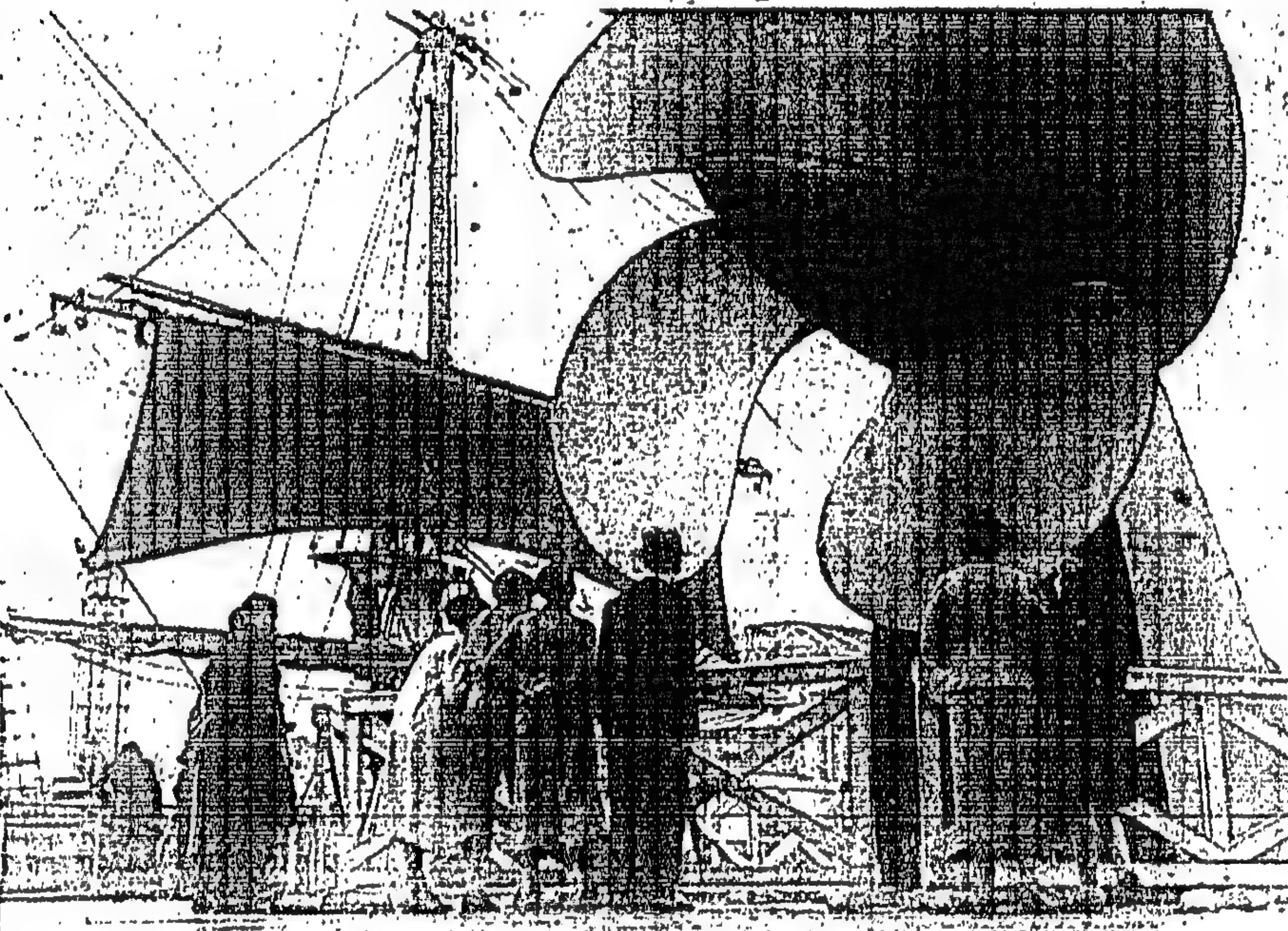
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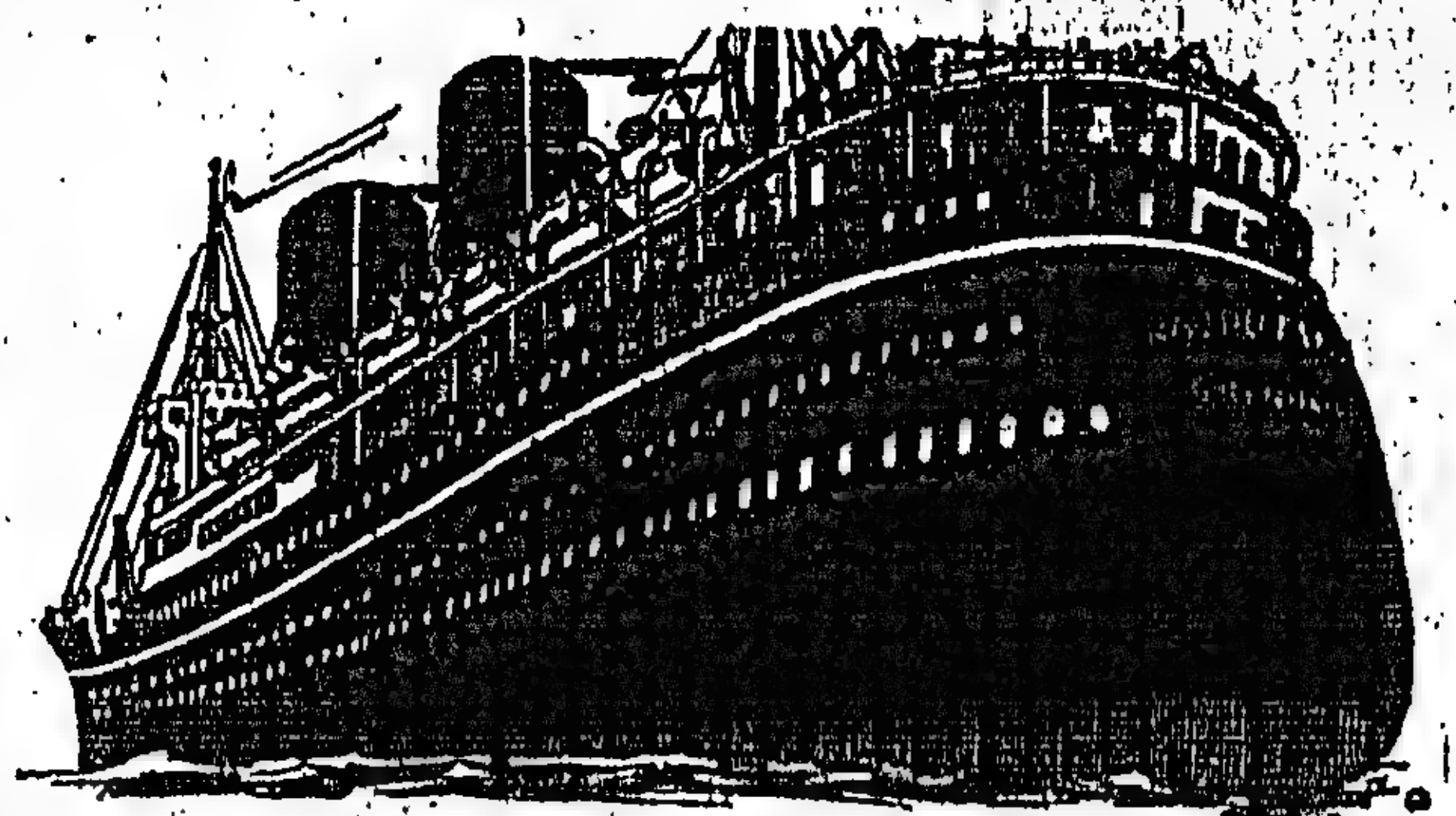
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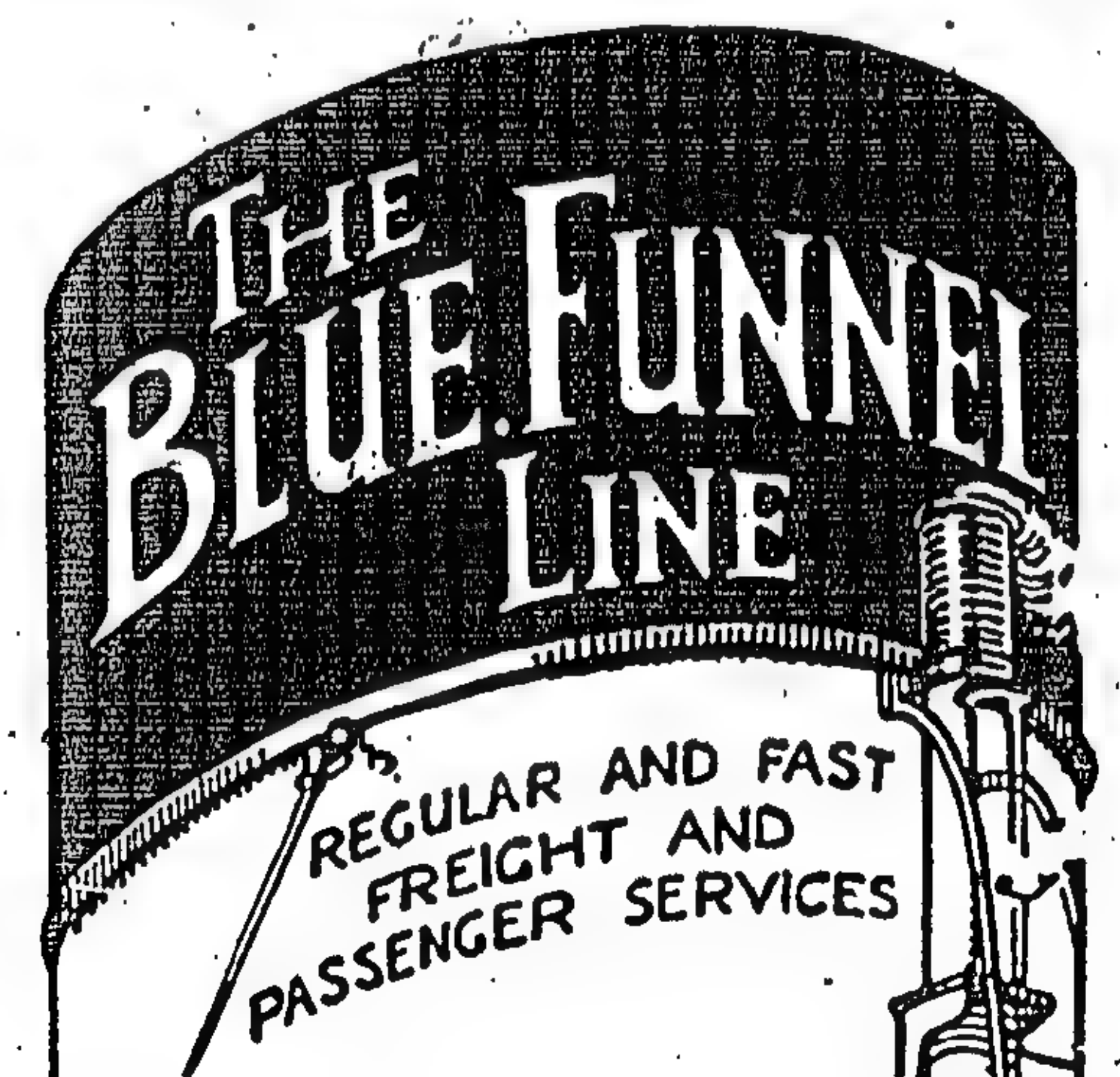
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TILAWA	10,000	20th Jan.	Amoy & Japan.
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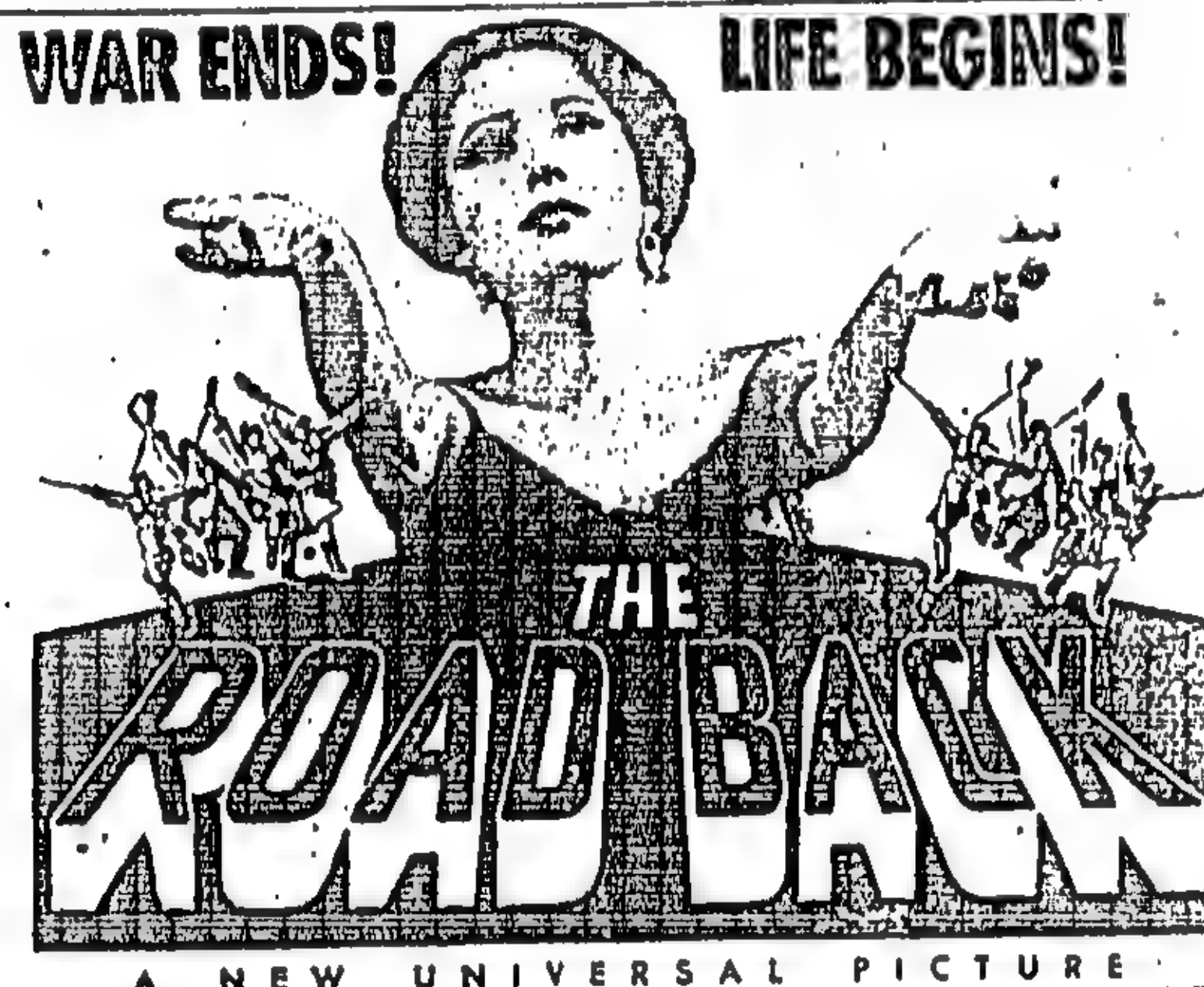
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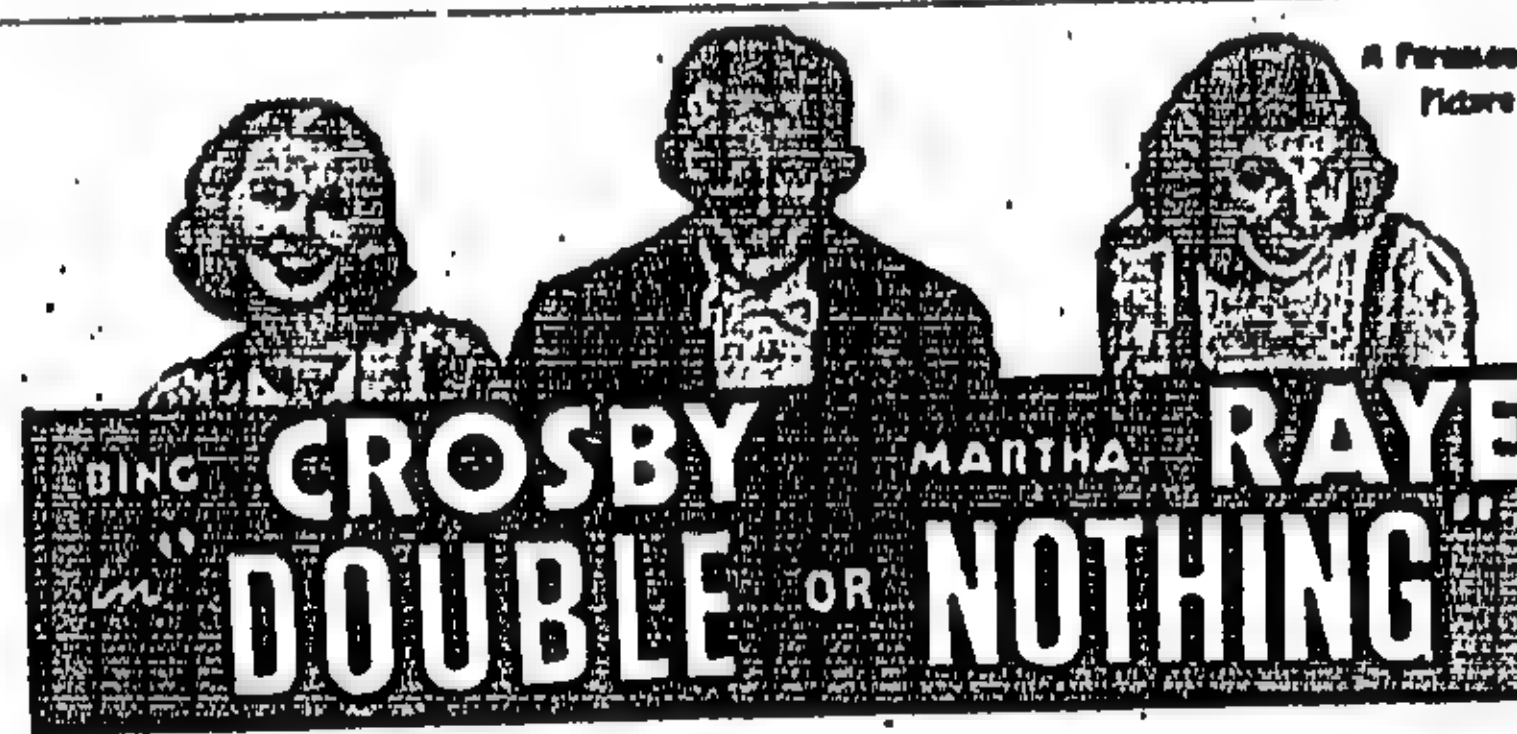


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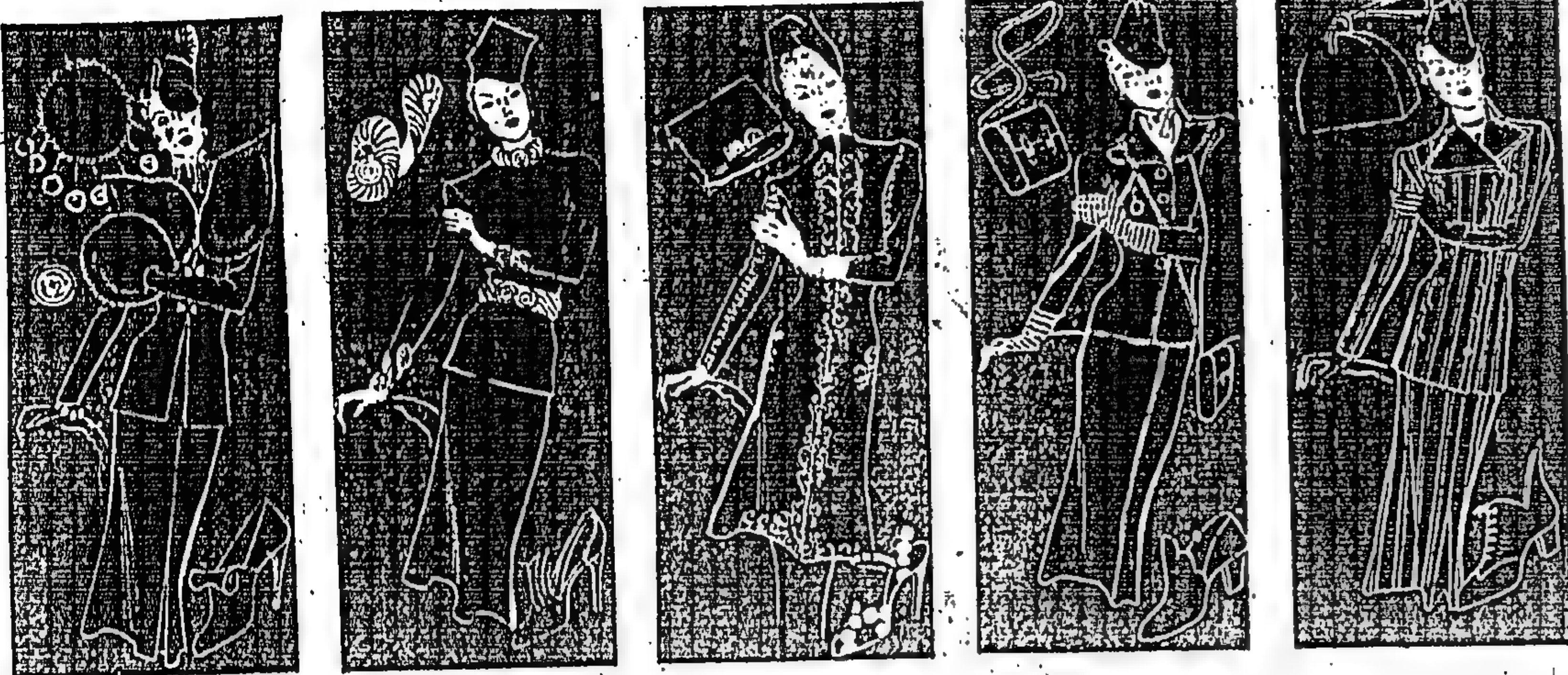
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The total intake of recruits for the regular army last week was 203, an increase of 76 over the same week last year. Drilling will begin

Elegance needn't end at Forty



Black is the best colour for middle-age

LIFE begins at forty for the Frenchwoman. At that age she knows she is more poised, more experienced, more amusing, than she was at twenty.

She has been more places, met more people, read more books, seen more pictures than when she was a young girl.

She is an expert talker and expert listener. It is natural for her to be admired.

Englishmen of earlier generations have never expected so much from their womenfolk; all they have admired is youth. Travel is making the Englishman demand more.

To-day the Englishwoman over forty can come off every bit as well

as the Frenchwoman. If she wants, she must not deplore advancing age, but accept every year as an added charm, realise how much more she has to give.

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HER clothes should be simple and well cut. The tunic becomes her. Black, if it suits her colouring, is always elegant. The woman we have drawn is forty-five. She has always taken great care of her figure, and in this the Englishwoman is often more blessed than the Frenchwoman.

She wears black nearly always. It shows off her silver blue hair. She varies her make-up to go with the colour touches on her dresses.

Here are the most useful items in her present wardrobe. First is a suit she wears for her lunch dates. It is made in a soft black angora fabric with a black fox collar blocked to stand out at the shoulders.

She carries a black fox muff bag. Her scarf is black velvet, her crusader court shoes are suede. Colour notes are the bright blue ostrich feather in her hat, the silver bowknots on her jacket, silver coin bracelet and coin-clip earrings.

Her eye shadow is grey-blue, and her lipstick and rouge are of the new purplish shades called viola.

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THE next dress is one she wears for bridge afternoons. It is tight-bodiced, in black velvet. The rolled belt and collar are silver lame with big silver clasps matching the silver and onyx bracelets she wears over her sleeves. The sandals are black and the hat velvet.

The hat is black velvet, the gloves are cyclamen velvet, and the sandals and flat bag, silver. She wears cyclamen lipstick and rouge with this suit.

The thick black tweed suit and short cape are for cars, planes, and trains. Touch of colour here is fuchsia in the black, and fuchsia knitted gloves.

The scarf and same viola make-up as worn with the fox-trimmed outfit. Capacious black handbag slung over right shoulder looks like a field-glasses. It has chromium buckles. Shoe is "high-fronted, medium heeled."

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COUNTRY suit is made of black tweed, rough, with a thin double white stripe, has velvet facings to lapels. She wears it with a black sweater and huge silver choker beads.

Hat and bag are of black felt, and boots of black calf. Her gloves are thick black fabric, attached. The teagown on the left is useful for Sunday night, week-ends, and

bore, but he's come all the way from Glasgow.

This last, used with discretion, is not as bad as the others. Still, in my years of evasion I have found the only fool-proof, unanswerable excuse that had no back kick was simply: "What a pity I can't, but there it is. I can't possibly, not on Thursday."

A direct challenge: "But why can't you?" must simply be politely, mildly ignored.

"If only it wasn't Thursday," you answer back, "I would have loved it." Put all the blame on Thursday, see?

Surprise Dish

SAVOURY PRAWN CUSTARD

PUT a bouquet of parsley, thyme, and sage into a pint of milk, and bring slowly to the boil. Take the milk from the fire, remove the herbs, and add two well-beaten eggs. Season with pepper and salt.

Return the pan to the fire and stir until the custard thickens, taking care that it does not boil. Put two dozen whole shelled prawns in a pie dish and sprinkle them with finely chopped parsley. Pour in the custard, and sprinkle more chopped parsley on top. Bake in a moderate oven. Allow to get cold.

An excellent cold luncheon dish. HOME PAGE COOK

Party Fun For New Year's Eve

Continental Divide.—This game should be played in a room that has plenty of floor space. Take 20 or more large pieces of cardboard, adjusting the number to the size of the room, and paint on these the names of lakes, bays, rivers, etc., found in the continents of Asia, Africa, Europe, and North and South America. The choice should be about equally divided between those bodies of water which are famous and those which are not so well known. Scatter the cardboard pieces over the floor without regard for geographical accuracy.

The four corners of the room are then allocated as follows: The first corner is assigned to the "Atlantic Mermals"; the second to the "African Mermals"; the third to the "European Mermals"; and the fourth to the "North and South American Mermals."

The players form a line, each player placing his hands on the shoulders of the one in front of him. To the strains of a lively march, the line weaves in and out among the pieces of cardboard. When the music suddenly stops, the leader brings the line to an abrupt halt. Each player then found standing on, or partially on, one of the cardboard pieces, drops out of line and joins the "mermaids" of that continent in which his or her body of water is located. The line closes ranks and the game continues until each player has been removed to one of the four corners. At the end of the game, that continent which has acquired the greatest number of "mermaids" is the winner.

It would be well to prepare a reference list showing the correct location of all bodies of water used, and to appoint a referee to settle any questions arising on these points. In this way, for instance, a player who found himself standing in "Lake Victoria Nyanza" when the music stopped, and had a mistaken idea where it is located, would soon be aware that he was entitled to join the "mermaids" of some other continent.

Roasted And Steamed Meat

IT is a good idea when roasting joints, particularly if the meat is likely to be tough, to put them between two tins of the same size, putting rather a lot of dripping in the lower tin.

Take the covering tin off for the last quarter of an hour to allow the meat to crisp. As the joint cooked by this method is roasted and steamed at the same time, it comes out beautifully tender and little nourishment is lost in the cooking. It also takes slightly less time than when cooked in an uncovered tin.

Is Good Cooking Worth While?

When Husbands Are Content With Second Best

HOW tired I am of those men who keep saying, "Modern women can't cook; not as their mothers used to do!"

They have been chanting that phrase ever since I can remember, and I cannot recall a single intelligent, sensible, and well-meaning man who has ever been interested in food. Flavour and makes that complaint. Usually she contents herself with a curt "What to him. He would enter the dining-room with real enthusiasm, hail a nonsensical, John," or turns the criticism into a personal reproach and honest opinion on every experiment.

But the silly old phrase still remains. Women are not such good cooks as they used to be, and there is a good reason why!

No sensible woman is going to spend the entire afternoon cooking a fine dinner if her husband is just as happy with tinned soup, a hurriedly-grilled steak, and no vegetable at all. Why should she? Why, in fact, should she make any particular effort in the kitchen if it is doomed to pass unrecognized and unappreciated?

Yet that is the state of affairs in almost every family to-day. Husbands and families are not interested in good food and good cooking. They appreciate second-best just as much as the best of their fathers' day, and the thinking housewife has come to the conclusion that elaborate and fine cooking is simply not worth while.

Why Women are Home-Bakers

The few women (young ones at any rate) who are really good cooks are those lucky enough to have husbands who take an interest in food, or those who are forced by the limits of their purse to produce meals by old-fashioned efforts.

Most women who bake do it either for economy or because they sons and collect recipes and try to either for economy or because they sons and collect recipes and try to either for economy or because they sons and collect recipes and try to

Almost all the other women have been discouraged long ago. I know one who is an excellent housewife and whose knowledge of good flavours and fine baking was the envy of her friends twenty years ago.

Nowadays she is still a housewife, but for two grown-up sons instead of a husband. And she has come to the conclusion that all her work in the kitchen is nothing but a waste of energy. Her husband, like so many other home-fed men of his generation, was vicinly repy when her husband interested in food. Flavour and makes that complaint. Usually she contents herself with a curt "What to him. He would enter the dining-room with real enthusiasm, hail a nonsensical, John," or turns the criticism into a personal reproach and honest opinion on every experiment.

When praise was due, he praised. When a dish was disappointing, he suggested an improvement.

Without being gourmands he and his wife discussed food and enjoyed it.

I doubt if they notice the food they eat. They sit down to it wearily and eat it up as quickly as possible. If they can, they read at the same time, or do anything at all that will help them to ignore the food. The only remark they ever make is a critical one. Interest or appreciation is the last thing they would dream of.

Those two sons will be husbands one day, and just exactly like so many modern husbands. Their young wives, with the enthusiasm of all sensible brides, will be ambitious about cooking. They will take lessons and collect recipes and try to either for economy or because they sons and collect recipes and try to either for economy or because they sons and collect recipes and try to

One is more interested in an evening at the pictures than a good dinner, and he would rather spend Sunday forenoon with her in the country than try to taste the roast and the Yorkshire pudding.

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Guide to making excuses

by ZOE FARMAR

1. "I had my hat on to go when old Jones came over and said, 'Smith, I wonder if you'd mind just running through these?'"

Amateurish, over-done excuse. A good excuse maker knows that over-authenticated accounts sound suspicious. The simple "kept late again," said in martyred tones, is far more convincing.

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2. "I didn't mean to buy a hat, but Elsie, if Albert were here, I'm sure he'd make you buy it."

The appeal to vanity or victimising excuse. Useful where the victim prides himself on generosity.

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3. "I thought you'd like to spend the day with Maizie, so I've fixed to play golf."

A poor example of the unselfish excuse. This type has to be subtly handled, especially when intended for women (who will rarely admit to having the better bargain). In this instance, situation needed working up so that hardship of a day's golf, without wife, became more apparent.

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4. "I'm too tired."

Always a bad excuse, because, by some unexplained psychological twist, no one can understand any one other than himself feeling tired. Victim feels as insulted as if you had said, "I have to work" or "I want to read."

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5. "I'd love to, but . . ."

This general excuse has a million different tales. Enough to mention a few that never get by. The sick-friend or aged-relative formula (even if you have a sick friend or do visit your great-aunt Myfanwy, don't mention it); the old school pal who is passing through on her way to Moscow ("only in town a night"); minor illness (the bit-of-a-sore-throat, the cold-that's-coming-on); the business contact ("awful old

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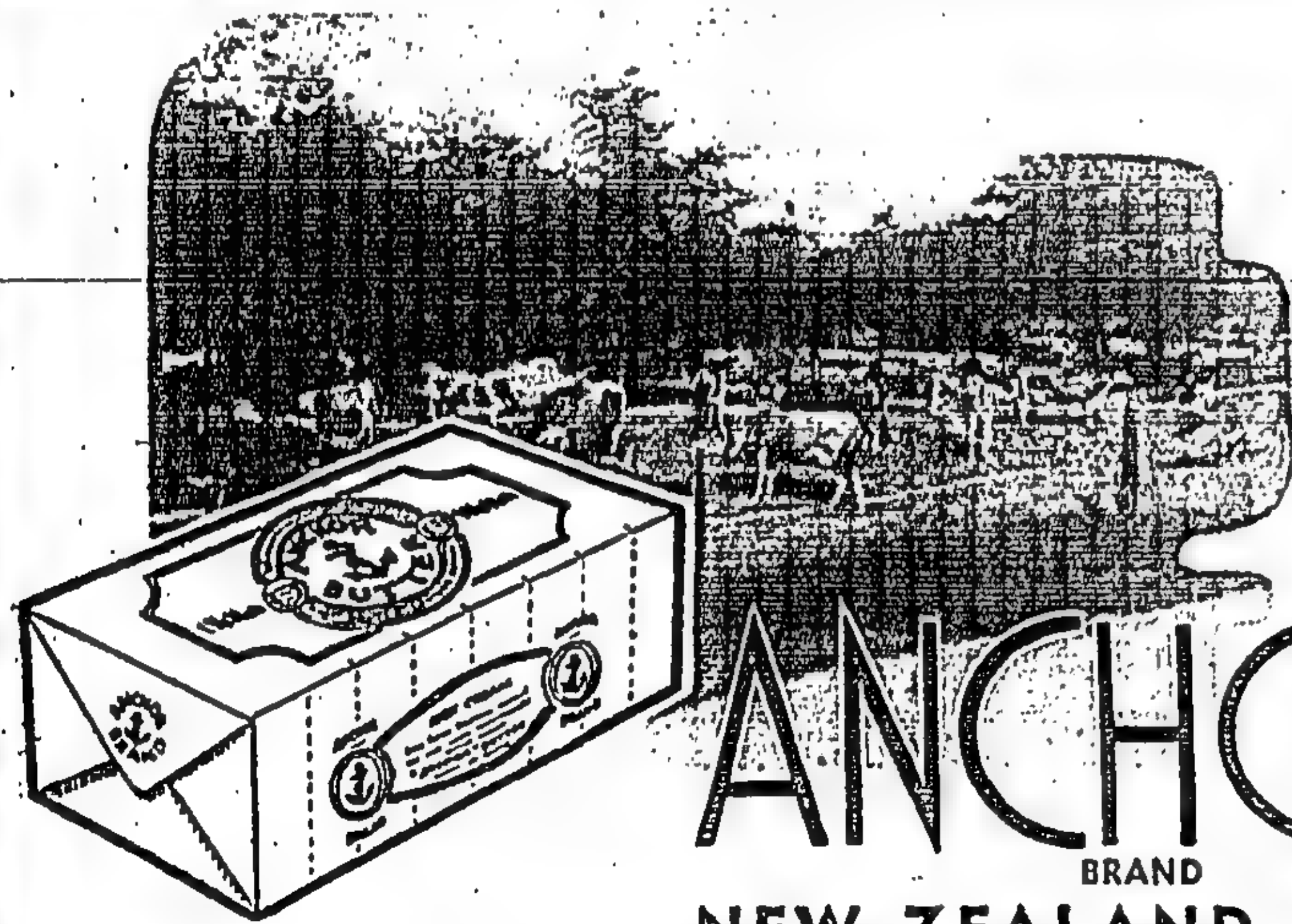
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SILVER MARKET SAVED

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London, Dec. 30.
Interpreting Mr. Henry Morgan-
thau's statement that the understand-
ing with China relating to the pur-
chase of silver and the sale of gold
will continue until January 7, as in-
dicating that there is now no possi-
bility of Chinese stocks in London
being flung on the market, silver
"bears" rushed to cover to-day.

Sellers were very reserved and the
"bears" were forced to pay up to
10% ad. though business was only
small. Later the market quietened
down, closing with buyers at 19d.

Though India has been biggest
buyer, it is interesting to note that
American "bears" have been particu-
larly keen to cover their commit-
ments.

It is pointed out that China will
now have plenty of time in which to
liquidate any stocks remaining with-
in her boundaries.

The market is somewhat mystified
regarding the extension of the Ameri-
can understanding with Mexico and
Cuba until January 31. Some
suggest the understanding has not
been renewed till later as President
Roosevelt is using it as a
bargaining weapon. Others are of
the opinion that the United States
Government is temporising pending
President Roosevelt's statement.—
Reuter.

SHARE PRICES

The following is the list of local
share quotations issued this morning.

Banks
H.K. Banks, £144 b.
H.K. Banks, (Lon. Reg.), £87½ b.
Chartered Bank, £12½ n.
Mercantile Bank, A. and B. £32½
n.
Mercantile Bank, C., £15 n.
East Asia Bank, \$80 n.
Insurance

Canton Ins., \$270 n.
Union Ins., \$510 n.
China Underwriters, \$150 n.
H.K. Fire Ins., \$235 n.
Shipping

Douglas, \$10½ b.
H.K. Steamboats, \$8.20 b.
Indo-China (Prof.), \$51 n.
Indo-China (Def.), \$43 n.
Shell Bearer, 90/10½ n.
Union Waterboats, \$9.30 n.
Docks etc.

H.K. & W. Wharves, \$113 n.
H.K. & W. Docks, \$28 n.
Providents (old), \$2 n.
Providents (new), 15 cts. b.
New Engineering, Sh.—
Shanghai Docks, Sh.—
Kailan Mining Adm. 10/6 n.
Rauha, \$7½ b.
Venz, Goldfield, \$5 n.
Hongkong Mines, 13 cts. s.
Philippine Mining

Antamok, P. 49 n.
Atoks, P. 17 n.
Baguio Gold, P. 14½ n.
Benguet Consol., —
Benguet Explor., P. 8.00 n.
Big Wedge, P. 36 n.
Coco Grove, P. 36 n.
Consolidated Mines, P. 0.11 n.
Demonstrations, P. 33½ n.
E. Mindanao, P. —
Gumaus G'fields, P. —
Ipo Gold, P. —
I.K.L., P. 57 n.
Hogons, P. —

Mosato Consols, P. —
Min. Resources, P. —
Northern Min., P. —
Paracale Gumaus, P. 16 n.
Salacot Mining, P. —
San Mauricio, P. 41 n.
Suyoc Consol., 14 n.
United Paracale, P. 41 n.
Lands, Hotels, etc.

H. and S. Hotels, \$5 n.
H.K. Lands, \$31 n.
H.K. Lands, 4% Deben, \$100 n.
Shai Lands, Sh. —
Metropolitan Lands, Sh. —
Humphries, \$8.40 s.
H.K. Realties, \$4½ s.
Chinese Estates, \$36 n.
China Realties, Sh. —
China Deben, —

Public Utilities
H.K. Tramways, \$12.95 b.
Peak Trams (old), \$7½ n.
Peak Trams (new), \$3½ s.
Star Ferries, \$80 n.
Yau-mat Ferries (old), \$24½ n.
China Light (old), \$9.80 b.
China Light Rts. \$4.40 sa.
H.K. Electric, \$50½ b.
Macao Electric, 19½ n.
Sandakan Lights, \$14½ n.
Telephone (old), \$26 n.
Telephone (new), \$9 n.
China Bus, Sh. —
Singapore Tractions, 23/0 n.

More Hankow Refugees On Way To H.K.

Third International
Train Departs

Hankow, Dec. 31.
Over 100 noisy and miscellaneous
school children considerably brighten-
ed the departure for Hongkong of the
third international refugee train
which carried 313 men, women and
children of ten nationalities from
Hankow, Kluikang and Kuling. It
left at 9 a.m. yesterday.

The train christened "The Last
Train From Madrid" and was galli-
decorated with enormous British,
American, French and German flags
on the roofs of the coaches.

The Japanese authorities were ad-
vised of the date of the departure
well within the specified request of
48 hours.

For two hours before the departure
the station was the scene of intense
activity as leading members of the
foreign community worked side by
side with office boys carrying trunks
and bundles of bedding and packing
them in the train.

At 9 o'clock sharp the gong sound-
ed and after blowing its whistle, the
train slowly steamed out of the
station.—Reuter.

NEW GOVERNMENT STARTS WORK

Peiping, Dec. 31.
Four sub-departments of the Pro-
visional Government of the Republic
of China have been started.

The Foreign Affairs office is headed
by Yang Shiao-tsang, Communica-
tions are controlled by Hsu Hsiu-chih,
Industry by Yu Chin-so and the
Secretariat by Chu Shu-yuan.—
United Press.

Singapore Prof., 23/- n.
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Cald: Mack. (old), Sh. —
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Canton Ice, \$1.70 n.
Cement, \$12.25 b.
H.K. Ropes, \$3.80 n.
Cotton Mills

Dairy Farm, \$23 n.
Watsons, \$4½ n.
Lane Crawfords, \$8.00 n.
Sinceres, \$1.75 n.
Wing On (H.K.), \$40 n.
Wm. Powells, 75 cts. n.

Ewo Cottons Sh. \$12 n.
Shai Cottons (old), Sh. \$55 n.
Zeong Sings, Sh. —
Wing On Textiles, Sh. —
Miscellaneous

H.K. Entertainments, \$5.20 b.
Constructions (old), \$1½ b.
Constructions (new), \$1.10 b.
Vibro Piling, \$6 n.
Ch. Govt. 5% 1915 GSDs. 74½% n.
H.K. Govt. 4% Loan 5% prm. n.
H.K. Govt. 3½% Loan 1½% prm.
b.

Wallace Harpers, \$5 n.
Marsmans Ins. (Lon.), s/- 18/3 n.
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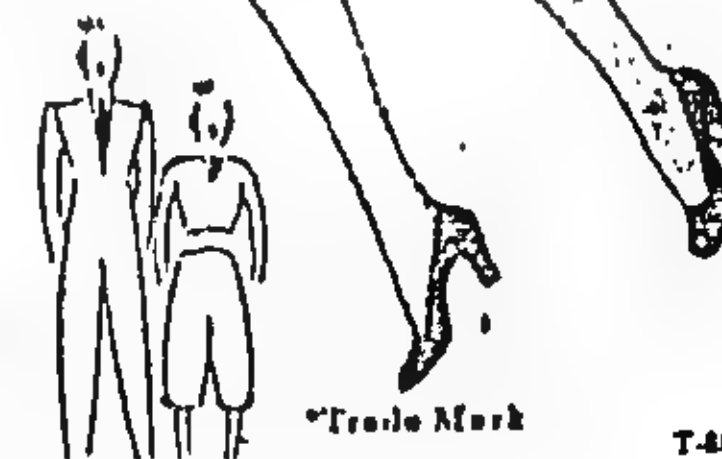


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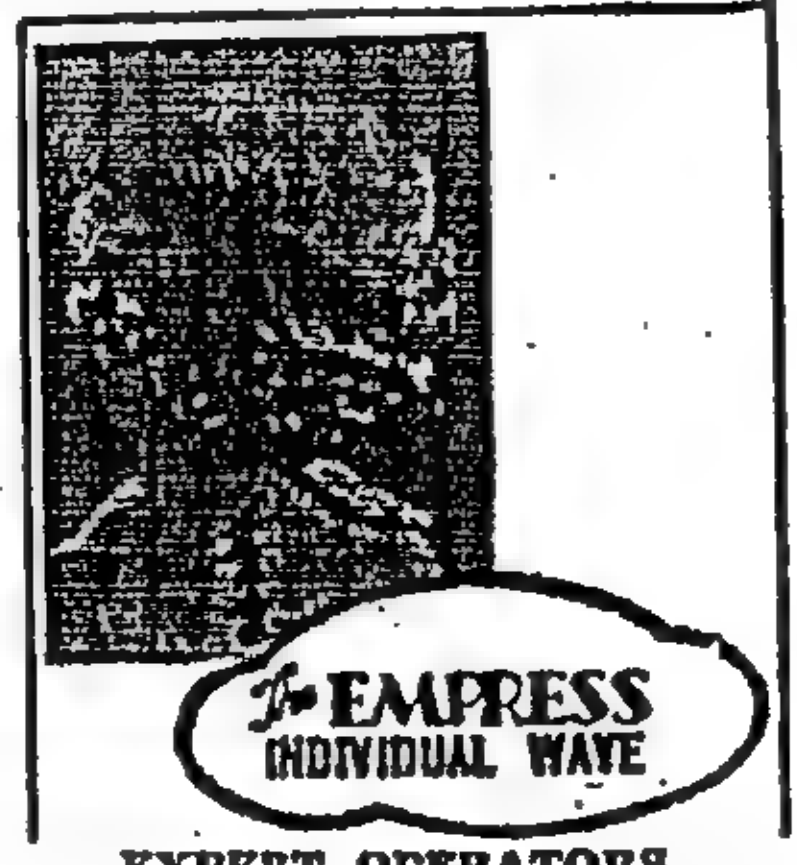
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Consignees must have a Revenue Officer in attendance when any dutiable goods are examined by the Company's Surveyors.
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Hongkong, 26th December, 1937.

Egypt's New
Premier Is
Strong Man

Cairo, Dec. 30.
Mahmoud Pasha's first act as Premier of Egypt has been to disarm and to disband all "coloured shirt" bodies. Orders to this effect are at present being carried out throughout Egypt.

The new Premier declares that he intends to act constitutionally and to adopt a conciliatory attitude towards his opponents. He guarantees a good administration and to render justice all round.
His Cabinet will generally represent all parties in Egypt except the Wafd.—Reuters.

JAPAN NOT
SATISFIED

Tokyo, Dec. 31.
The Foreign Office has stated that due to the Soviets' dilatoriness in preventing the signing of the new fisheries treaty before the end of the year, Japan was compelled to agree to the protocol signed in Moscow on December 29, extending the old provisions for a year.

In the meantime an endeavour will be made to conclude a new treaty.—United Press.

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

BANK HOLIDAYS.

In accordance with Government Ordinance, the Exchange Banks will be closed for the transactions of public business on Saturday, the 1st January, 1938. (The first week-day in January).
Hongkong, 29th December, 1937.

NOTICE.

ARMS LICENCES.

Holders of Arms Licences are reminded that Arms Licences are due for renewal on 1st January, 1938, (Fee \$10.00 per licence). Licensees should call at the Accounts Office, Police Headquarters between the hours of 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. daily (Sundays and Public Holidays excepted), with their arms and licences.

C. G. PERDUE,
Inspector General of Police.
30th December, 1937.

NOTICE.

The Eastern Extension Australasia and China Telegraph Company, Limited.

Notice is hereby given that the name of the above Company will from the 1st January, 1938, be changed to CABLE & WIRELESS, LIMITED, with which is associated the Eastern Extension Australasia & China Telegraph Co. Ltd., (Incorporated in England).

An agreement has been signed between His Excellency the Governor, Sir Geoffrey Northcote, K.C.M.G., and Cable & Wireless, Ltd., for the transfer to the latter company of the fixed station commercial radio communications of the Colony as from January 1st, 1938.

The present Radio Traffic Office will remain in the P. & O. Building, Des Voeux Road, until the end of January, after which the Office will be transferred to the Offices of the Eastern Extension Telegraph Co. Ltd., (hereinafter to be known as Cable & Wireless, Ltd.).

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Colonial Secretary, Colonial

Secretary's Office.

H.M.S. Suffolk arrives to-day from

Tsingtao and H.M.S. Dainty from

Weihaiwei.

G. R.
NOTICE.

It is hereby notified that the following licences and permits are due for renewal on the 1st January, 1938:—

- (1) Private Rickshaw and Driver Licence.
- (2) Private Chair and Driver Licence.
- (3) Tricycle and Driver Licence.
- (4) Public Motor Vehicle Licence.
- (5) Motor Vehicle Permits.

Before relicensing tricycles must be taken for inspection to No. 2 Police Station, Wanchai, or Tsim Sha Tsui Police Station, Kowloon, between the hours of 10 a.m. and 12 noon between January 3rd and January 24th, 1938.

C. G. PERDUE,
Inspector General of Police.
31st December, 1937.
Hong Kong.

G. R.

PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 3rd day of January, 1938, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at King's Road, near Quarry Bay, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 75 years.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

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Used Headlamps On
"Blackout Night"

Several Europeans were this morning fined by Mr. K. Keen at the Kowloon Magistrate's for breaches of traffic regulations.

Lieut. Ross of Murray Barracks was fined a total sum of \$75 on charges of having used the headlights of his car in Nathan Road at 9.45 p.m. on "Blackout Night," December 9, and for failing to carry out the instructions of a police officer who told him not to use his headlights.

Lieut. Ross admitted the charges and in mitigation said that he was driving along Nathan Road, at the time mentioned in the charge, with his headlights out when he noticed a bicycle in front of his car. To be better able to see the cyclist he had had to switch on his headlights for not more than a second. The side lights of his vehicle were too dim to illuminate the road.

Traffic-Inspector A. R. Brittain said that Lieut. Ross had switched on his headlights up and down five times before, and five times after he had been warned not to do so. Lieut. Ross had said: "I would rather use my headlights than kill some Chinese being a military man, continued Inspector Brittain. Lieut. Ross should have known well the regulations on "Blackout night." The military authorities expected co-operation from the police, and the police expected the same from them. He was instructed to ask that a serious view be taken of the case, especially on the second charge.

Concluding Inspector Brittain said that the attitude that Lieut. Ross had taken, when he had received instructions about his lights, appeared to him to be more "bravado" than anything else.

Mr. J. F. C. Mackay of Embankment Road was fined a total sum of \$25 on charges of having driven his motor cycle in Nathan Road on December 7 without having full control of it and with having the front brake out of order.

Inspector Brittain said that Mr. Mackay had driven the cycle with only one hand on the handle bar, his left hand was in his "pocket." The front brake of the cycle was not good.

In reply to Mr. K. Keen, Mackay said that he had put his hand in his pocket because it was a cold day. He had done so often and had never been accosted by the police for it.

Mr. J. G. Giffard-Hull of Prince Edward Road was charged with having driven his car in Nathan Road, on December 5 with the front tyre of his car in a bad and unserviceable condition and with having driven the vehicle on the same day without due care and caution.

The first charge was admitted and the second was denied. Wednesday January 5, at noon, was the day fixed by Mr. K. Keen for the hearing of the case.

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London, Dec. 30.
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SUNDAY, JANUARY 2

OLD COURSE

9.12 S. H. Dodwell, J. R. Masson.
9.18 S. J. H. Fox, O. E. C. Marlon.
9.20 C. C. Black, H. G. Sheldon.
9.24 I. H. Geare, J. H. M. Andrew.
10.00 H. E. the Governor.
10.04 P. A. Cox, H. L. Schultz.

NEW COURSE

9.16 R. G. L. Oliphant, J. B. Martin.
9.24 A. E. and Mrs. Lissman.
9.32 E. R. Price, H. S. Jones.
10.32 W. J. E. and Mrs. Mackenzie.

OLD COURSE

9.12 J. Harrop, A. Sommerfeldt.
9.16 J. B. Harrison, R. Young.
9.20 A. B. Raworth, G. B. G. Hull.
9.24 I. H. Geare, A. D. Humphreys.
9.28 K. S. Morrison, S. H. Dodwell.
9.32 J. P. Whitlam, H. J. Armstrong.
9.36 H. N. Williamson, N. K. Littlejohn.
9.40 R. Stock, J. R. Collis.
9.44 K. K. Rounds, L. R. Cramer.
9.48 N. L. Smith, W. J. Hawkins.
9.52 A. E. Lissman, E. T. McMullen.
9.56 J. Lockie, W. L. Marshall.
10.00 H. E. the Governor.
10.04 W. J. Waddington, A. Murdoch.
10.08 W. S. Ryde, G. H. Bell.
10.12 W. Mulcahy, D. S. Edward.
10.16 Col. Austin, Wing Cdr. Bishop.
10.20 D. L. Prophet, W. Hewitt.
10.24 W. G. Robertson, R. K. Valentine.

10.28 I. P. Tamworth, R. G. Parker.
10.32 H. Overy, W. J. E. Mackenzie.
10.36 G. M. Park, D. S. Robb.
10.40 S. J. H. Fox, R. G. Gray.
10.44 G. S. Archbutt, Col. Matthews.
10.48 W. A. Cornell, S. T. Butlin.
10.52 W. A. Smailey, R. L. D. Woodhouse.
10.56 Col. Blake, O. E. C. Marlon.
11.00 Major McDonald, Capt. Holmes.
11.04 Col. King, Col. Cresswell.
11.08 D. Black, A. A. Bremner.
11.12 E. Laidlaw, K. R. Quick.

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9.28 A. C. Godby, T. R. Chassels.
9.32 G. Worrall, L. M. S. Lloyd.
9.36 R. Aubrun, J. B. Morphet.
9.40 Mrs. Mulcahy, Miss Curtin.
9.44 Mrs. Overy, Mrs. Mackenzie.
9.48 R. H. Challinor, B. Rolfe.
9.52 Mrs. Challinor, Mrs. Rolfe.
9.56 Mrs. Cornell, Mrs. Butlin.
10.00 Mrs. Smailey, Mrs. Woodhouse.
10.04 Mrs. McDonald, Mrs. Holmes.

RUGBY
FOOTBALLTwo Games On New
Year's Day

There will be two games of rugby football on the Navy ground at Causeway Bay on New Year's Day. The first match will commence at 2.45 p.m., when the Club A side will meet the Army A XV. This game will be followed at 4 p.m. by a Triangular Tournament game, when the Navy will meet the Club for the second time.

The Club sides have been selected as follows:—

1st XV.—W. M. MacGrath, L. Lamert, W. E. Grieve, H. D. Bidwell, D. H. Stewart, A. H. R. Butler, J. L. Bonnar, K. A. Watson, K. W. Salter, A. W. Holden, W. E. Peers, C. F. Needham, J. C. Miller (Captain), A. J. G. Taylor, J. Redman.

A XV.—D. B. Nelson, H. F. Hopkins, C. W. Lyle, E. Taverner, F. Cressford, D. Hynes, J. R. Henderson, J. G. Harvey, T. Pratt, K. H. G. W. B. Hynes, G. L. Enstgate, H. W. E. Heath (Captain), J. K. Birt and A. G. Ditzel.

NOT BRITAIN'S BEST
SPORTS YEAR

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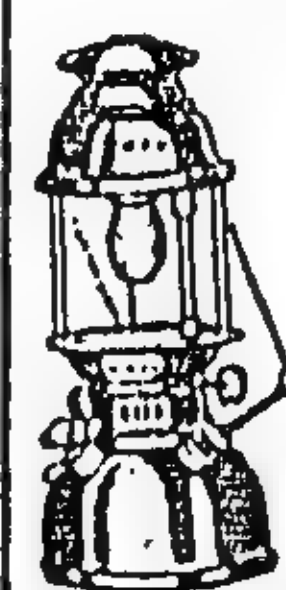
Welshman gave a plucky display on the loser's end.

One world title came Britain's way at the expense of the United States, namely the Flyweight championship, both Benny Lynch, of Scotland, and the Filipino Small Montana, of San Francisco, claimed the title.

They fought it out at Wembley stadium, London, on January 10, Lynch just getting the points decision.

In the realm of speed, Britain took the water record from the United States, and increased her own land record. Sir Malcolm Campbell covered 125.5 m.p.h. on Lake Maggiore, Italy, or 4.64 m.p.h. faster than the previous American record. And towards the end of the year, Captain G. E. T. Eyston made a speed of just over 311 m.p.h. on Campbell's record of just over 300 m.p.h.

Sydney Wooderson, in a special paced mile, put up a new world record of 6 mins. 8/10ths sec.

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Shanghai and Foochow	Suiyang	January 1.
Straits	Anhui	January 2.
Straits and London parcels—London date, 25th November, 1937.	Antenor	January 2.
Amoy	Santos Maru	January 2.
	Tjisroea	January 2.

OUTWARD MAILS

For	Per	Date and Time
Friday		
Shanghai	Noto Maru	Fri., Dec. 31, 5 p.m.
Japan, Canada, U.S.A., Central and Pres. Grant	Grant	Fri., Dec. 31.
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Victoria-B.C.—due Victoria-B.C.	Parcels	Dec. 31, 3.00 p.m.
10th January and Europe via	Reg.	Dec. 31, 4.15 p.m.
Siberia	Ord.	Dec. 31, 5.00 p.m.
Manila	Pres. Coolidge	Fri., Dec. 31, 5 p.m.
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	Ord.	Dec. 31, 5 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, East and Soudan	G.P.O. & K.P.O.	Fri., Dec. 31.
*South Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 1st February, 1938.	Parcels	Dec. 31, 1 p.m.
	Reg.	Dec. 31, 5 p.m.
	Ord.	Dec. 31, 5.30 p.m.
Amoy (Foochow via Amoy)	Tjisroea	Fri., Dec. 31, 5 p.m.
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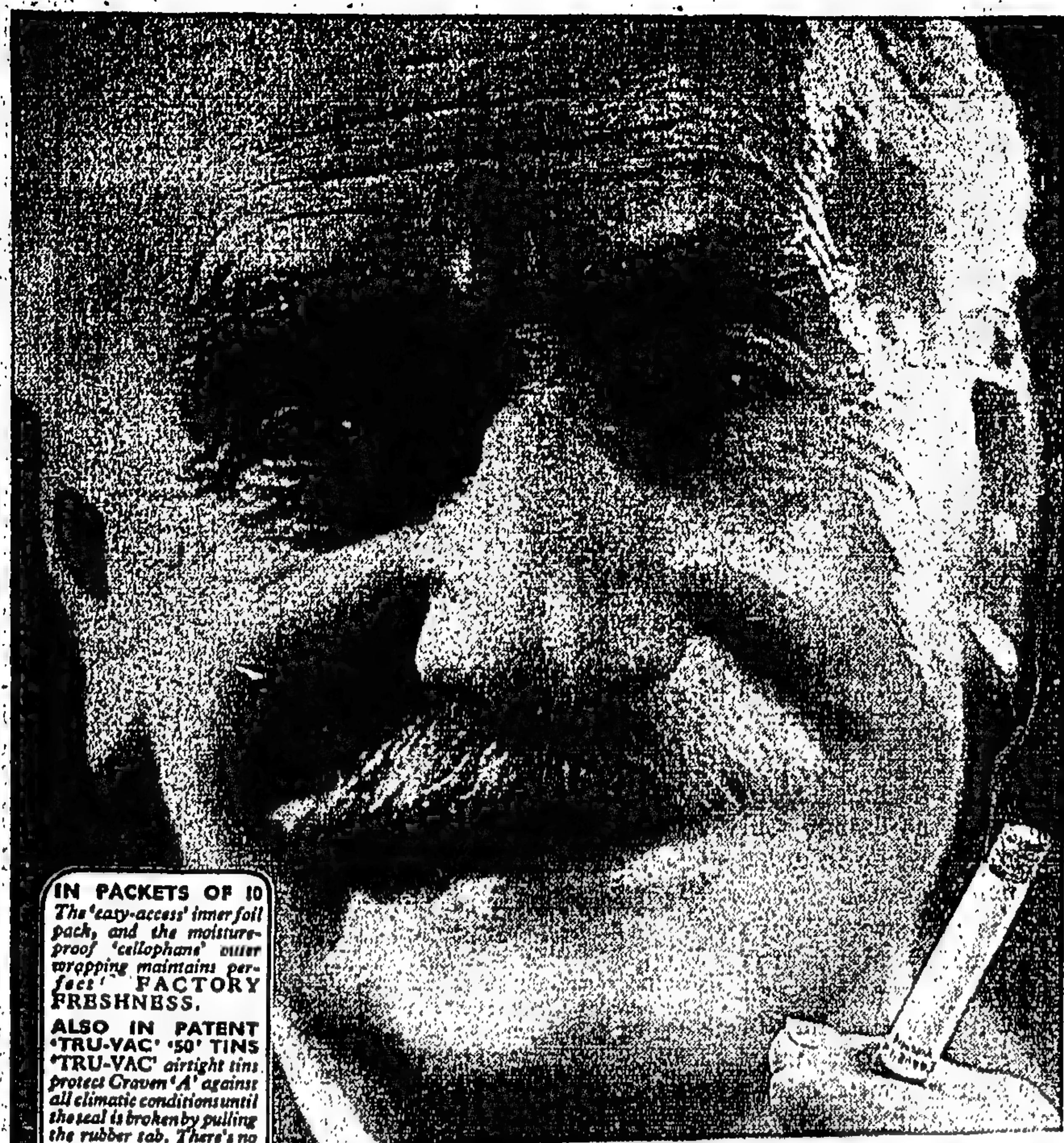
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Y'S MEN ELECT OFFICERS

Prior to the General Meeting held by the Y's Men's Club for the election of officials and directors for the year 1938 at the St. Francis Hotel yesterday, the President, Dr. F. I. Tsung, gave a short speech. He remarked that the year 1937 had not been marked by any special activity, although towards the latter half of the year the Y's Men's Club Revue at the Queen's Theatre had raised over \$2,000 for North China relief work.

The Club has recently been appointed a branch of the Hongkong Branch of the National Liberty Bond Commission, and already over \$1,000 had been subscribed to by the members.

The officers for 1938 are:—

Mr. Peter H. Shi, (President) Mr. David W. K. Au (1st Vice-President), Dr. T. Y. Li (2nd Vice-President), Mr. S. B. Tan (Hon. Secretary), Mr. C. P. Wong (Asst. Hon. Secretary), Mr. Ramson Kant (Hon. Treasurer), and Mr. Wm. G. Foy, Dr. S. P. Li, Mr. S. F. Yau, Mr. J. Choy, Dr. K. W. Chan, Mr. Chan Kwan-po (Directors). Ex-officer, Dr. F. I. Tsung (Ex-President).

FISHING BOAT SEIZED

Los Angeles, Dec. 30. Federal agents seized a Japanese fishing boat to-day. It was anchored in Los Angeles harbour. The owner is said to be an alien named S. Nakawa.—United Press.

DEATH SENTENCE FOR ARAB

Haifa, Dec. 30. Sentence of death has been passed by the Military Court at Nazareth on an Arab arrested in possession of a rifle and ammunition in the recent operations in the hills of Galilee.—Reuter.

SHIPS IN WIRELESS COMMUNICATION

The following ships are expected to be in wireless communication with Hongkong radio:—Mino Maru, Conte Verde, President Hoover, Santos Maru, Sagres, Paul Dörmir, Nancy Moller, Yalou, Nellore, Sul-yang, Anhui, Tjisroea, Antenor, Fushimi Maru.

Sentence of a week's hard labour and eight strokes of the cane was inflicted on Keng Kwok, 18, unemployed, by Mr. Forrest at the Central Magistracy. This morning, when the youth appeared on remand, charged with the theft of an earring valued at \$15 from Lau King-ho, 45, married woman, at Queen's Road West on December 28.

With six previous convictions, three of which were for breach of the deportation ordinance, a man named Li Shu-chuen, aged 19, unemployed, was sentenced to 12 months' hard labour by Mr. K. Keen at the Kowloon Magistracy today for having returned to the Colony after he had been banished for life on July 20, 1937.

STOCK EXCHANGE CHEERFUL

London, Dec. 30.—Several factors combined to impart a more cheerful undertone to the London Stock Exchange to-day, but business continued to be small, with end of account influences causing some irregularity.

Home Halls were particularly firm on the excellent holiday traffic receipts. Commodities and cocoa were firm on Continental buying and covering, but lute eased sharply in sympathy with Calcutta. Cotton and rubber rallied slightly. New York opened firm.—Reuter's Special.

WEATHER WILL BE MODERATE

The temperature as recorded by the Royal Observatory at 10 a.m. to-day was the same as yesterday's figure, 68 degrees.

For the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day 0.01 inch of rain fell, making the total rainfall since January 1 of 85.12 inches against an average of 85.12 inches.

To-day's weather report states that the anti-cyclone is moving eastwards, and pressure is now highest over the Yellow Sea, Korea and South Japan. Local forecast.—East winds, moderate; cloudy generally.

Teruel Battle Continues With Heavy Losses

Madrid, Dec. 30. There has been little change in the situation around Teruel during the last 24 hours, though fierce fighting is in progress. Reports indicate that the insurgents are still holding out in some sections of the town, while both the Government and the insurgents claim to have inflicted heavy losses on the enemy.—Reuter.

CANTON FEELS SAFER

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dicating Kwangtung's preparedness for eventualities.

It is notable, however, that the shipment of millions of silver coins to the interior is still continuing despite the fact that the Bank of Canton is at present completing two immense bombproof dugouts, the tops of which consist of twelve feet of reinforced concrete, costing \$150,000. The city Government is constructing additional shelters, apparently in anticipation of increasing air raids.

The tranquil Anglo-French Isles, the Shamen, which is likely to be in trouble in the event of hostilities engulfing the surrounding Chinese cities, is sheltering the majority of Canton's foreign residents, some 700, which is half of the usual number. Of this total there are 70 Americans. There are 177 more in nearby cities. The strategic landing places on the Shamen are now protected by barbed wire, and the authorities are daily increasing the entanglements.

There are gunboats off the Bund—three British and one American.—United Press.

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NOBLE MAY COMMAND WAR NAVY

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Admiralty and Government of the future importance of the China Squadron, and particularly of Hongkong and Singapore, seems indicated. "Had there been a new war in about 1925 the successor to Jellicoe would have been an admiral who had one good work in minor commands in the Great War," says the Express writer.

"He is now on the retired list and in the last ten years the Admiralty has three times marked out a possible new Commander-in-Chief for the emergency of war.

"Each of them has been given opportunities for command of different squadrons and fleets so as to obtain all the training possible. The oldest of the three has now reached the age at which it is practically certain that he would not be considered equal to the strain of

PROBABLE CHOICE

"The two others are still active but it is the younger of them (Vice-Admiral Noble) on whom the choice would probably fall.

"The naval system of selection for important commands takes little notice of the officer's position in the seniority list."

Vice-Admiral Noble is expected to relieve Admiral Sir Charles Little in Hongkong in April. He will be 58 in January and has just relinquished the post of Fourth Sea Lord. During the Great War he was commander of the cruiser Achilles and Courageous.

After the Home and Mediterranean Fleets, the China Station is the most important of the British naval commands afloat, and includes some 75 units of all types, among them being the 6th Cruiser Squadron, 8th Destroyer Flotilla, 18-gunboats normally stationed in the Yangtze and West River, 4th Submarine Flotilla, and the 2nd Mine-sweeping Flotilla at Singapore.

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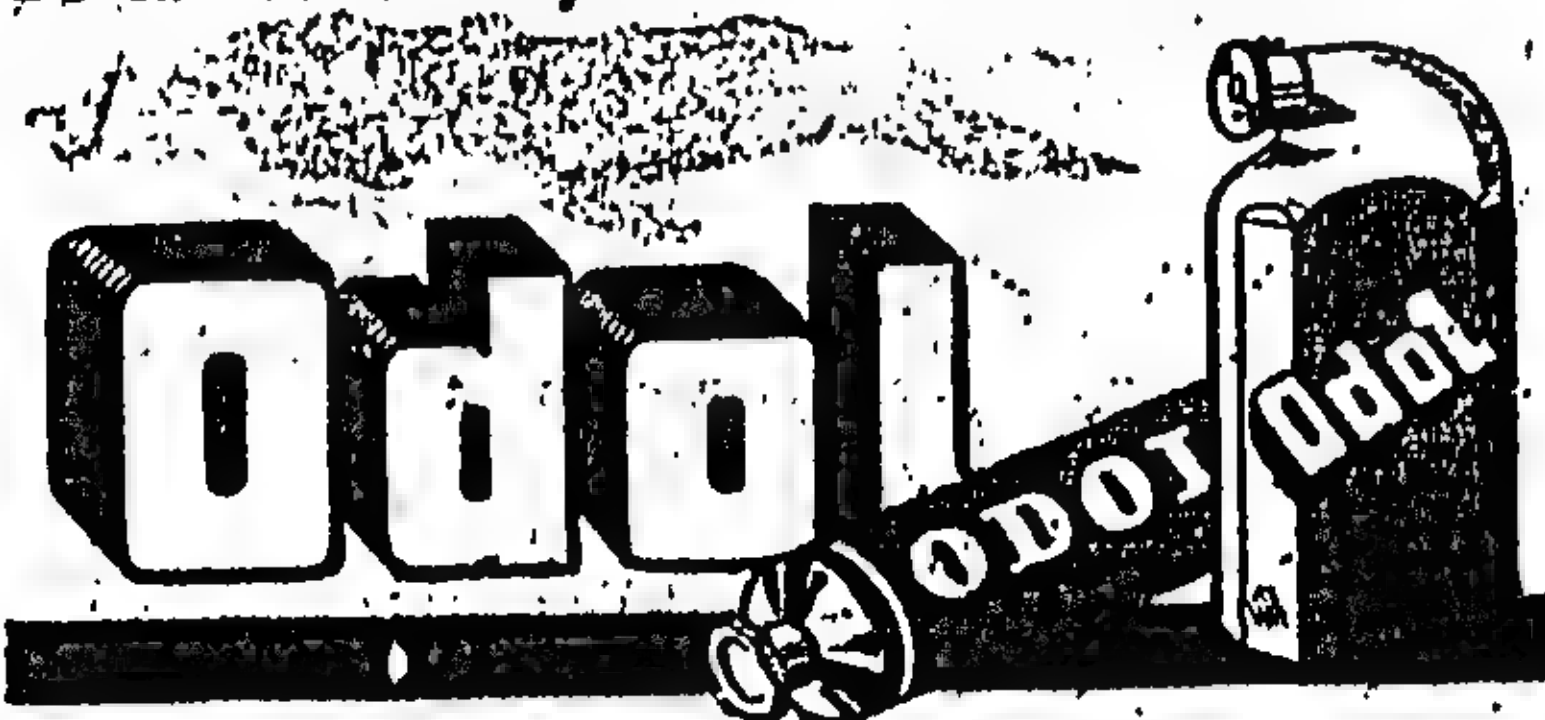
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DEATH

HILL.—Inspector William Hill, Sanitary Department, died at the Queen Mary Hospital, Thursday afternoon, December 30, 1937. Funeral will pass the Monument at 5 p.m. to-day, December 31.

The
Hongkong Telegraph

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 30, 1937.

HONGKONG'S ASSET

It is brought to the notice of the Hongkong Telegraph, and quite rightly, that far from facing a bleak future as a result of the hostilities in China, Hongkong may profit exceedingly from the misfortune that has descended upon this part of the world. It is not impossible that the ill wind which has devastated certain areas of Shanghai and other parts of China, and the unsettled condition of government in various parts of the country may cause industry, in search of security, to increasingly concentrate its stocks and resources in this Colony.

It was pointed out in this column the other day that certain businesses here had suffered to some extent from the war conditions; for example, some companies interested in shipping. The closing of the channels of navigation to Canton, for instance, interfered seriously with the river trade; and the ultimate fate of the Kowloon-Canton railway was in mind when it was mentioned that the future was not wholly rosy. But it is impossible to predict the effect of the war upon Hongkong's trade in time to come, and it may be that it will suffer no whit, and indeed gain immeasurably. This Colony may become a sort of storehouse for merchandise and base of manufacture for much of the Far East.

Not for a moment let it be thought that anyone here feels anything but deepest sympathy and regret for the recurring damage to Shanghai. But, as we have pointed out before, commerce must be alert to all risks to profit and as far as possible guard against them if it is to pretend to efficiency. So many of Shanghai's business men have suffered so much in the past five or six years through circumstances beyond their control and prediction that they cannot be blamed if they look for safer fields of investment. By this it is not meant

China is the home of Secret Societies

THE lure of the mysterious has been a most potent force ever since the dawn of time.

It has been, moreover, a factor which has appealed tremendously to the minds of all men; and consequently, this inherent libido or, perhaps more properly speaking, fundamental urge of the human soul has been fostered and encouraged in every age in order to further its progress and development.

Thus we find amongst every race and every people associations of individuals whose mutual aim is the concealment of their ideals and motives under the veil of secrecy. Indeed, it is an apt commentary upon human nature that secret societies in some form or other amply satisfy the peculiar yearnings of the human soul; for how else than by a resort to subterfuge, may man gratify his longings for the unattainable?

In short, the whispered password—the exchange of hand grips—the ceremonial signs of recognition—are the mighty trinity capable of conducting the initiated across the threshold from the world of the prosaic commonplace into that occult realm of transcendental splendour, redolent with the air of mysticism which is the foundation of romance.

Secret societies are, of course, legion, and whilst they are to be found in practically every country of the globe, it is, in the East, and more especially in China, that they may be said to truly flourish.

It is doubtful, moreover, whether any other part of the Orient has ever equalled the ancient land of the Sons of Han in the variety and number of secret societies, and their existence may be explained by quoting the common vernacular saying: "Chung-kwok hau-kei ho-pei"—"The Chinese love secrecy in speech and actions."

THERE are innumerable examples in Chinese history of individuals who have been the sponsors of organisations whose motives were more or less secret. We may recall, for instance,

that Shanghai must degenerate to a second-rate port because of the uneasiness resulting from war; but it is reasonable to suppose that those who can will transfer their headquarters to localities less subject to alarms. Hongkong is one of these.

This is a time for optimism rather than of discouragement, then. Doubts there may be in the minds of many as to the ultimate fate of British trade in China. But to say that its end is in sight is a great and unreasonable exaggeration; and to fear that Japan intends to shut the door to commerce in the faces of the trading powers of the world is preposterous, for even if one were in a position to do so in China such short-sighted policy would serve no purpose. There is, truly, a limit to which any people can be exploited. The time comes when their industrialisation puts them on an equal or superior footing to those who assisted their development. At the moment it is Hongkong's business to serve a vast throng of customers, and by fair dealing and sound bargaining to serve herself. And let it not be forgotten that the security of this Colony of Britain's is probably its greatest asset.

by
T. PAUL
GREGORY

stance, the classic T'o-yuen Kit-ji, or "Peach Orchard Pact" in which the three popular heroes of the period of the Three Kingdoms—Lau Pei, Cheung Fei and Kwau Kung, swore everlasting brotherhood.

Their example has been glorified by popular tradition and the influence of the Chinese drama; hence, under such powerful impetus fraternal societies composed of many individuals gradually came into existence, so that by the time of the Ming dynasty, (1368-1644 A.D.) there were many associations of kindred spirits who, like the fraternal orders of the West existed for the purpose of sponsoring benevolent works on the part of their members.

The Ts'ing or Manchu dynasty, however, did not look kindly upon secret societies, no matter how lofty and noble were the avowed objects, and soon after 1650 A.D. the Government initiated a policy of ruthless suppression, suspecting rightly enough that as long as such groups were allowed to flourish, the conquerors could never be assured that their imposed rule would be acceptable. Indeed, so drastic were the imperial decrees promulgated for the eradication of secret societies that all of them were driven underground, and practically disappeared except amongst the more lawless and intransigent classes.

The ineluctable consequences of the government's policy was



Membership Card of a Chinese Secret Society

to make the Chinese secret societies more truly occult than those of other lands; for like Freemasonry in mediaeval Spain and Italy, the discovery of an individual's connection with any of them meant either death under torture, or at the least incarceration.

Even at the present day, many of these Chinese secret societies have fallen more or less under an official ban. It may be mentioned that the Hongkong Government has specially prohibited their functioning in the Colony, and in section 10 of the Societies Ordinance of 1911 it is stated in part:

"(1) On and after 1st January, 1912, every society not being a registered society or an exempted society shall be deemed an unlawful society."
"(2) The society known by the name of the 'Triad Society' or 'Sam-hop-wool' and any branch thereof, are hereby declared to be unlawful societies."

THE Triad Society has had a most remarkable history, and has been in existence in some form or other for centuries. Foreigners who have investigated its ritual assert that it possesses a striking resemblance in certain respects to Freemasonry. Indeed, in western lands, its members prefer to call themselves "Chinese Freemasons," and the aims of the fraternity are in every way laudable and worthy of respect. In fact, it was a branch of the Triad Society which first advocated the doctrines of revolt against the Manchu regime long before the birth of Dr. Sun Yat-sen.

The reasons for the prohibition of the Triad Society by the local colonial administration are said to be due to the acts of certain individuals who have perverted the original ideals of the fraternity into a sort of "racket" designed for the purpose of intimidating the illiterate masses of the Colony into paying blackmail or petty tribute, in much the same manner as predatory gangsters did in certain American cities before the United States Government put its "G-men" on the job of "vermin extermination."

Nevertheless, the Chinese Triad Society, under the leadership of able and conscientious men, has accomplished much that is noble. In New South Wales, where the order was founded in 1850 under the name of the "Chinese Masonic Fraternity," the first Grand Master, Loong Hung-pung, achieved much eminence in his advocacy of the overthrow of the Chinese monarchy and the establishment of a republic. It is even said by some that the various Lodges of the Order abroad were largely instrumental in fanning into flame the dormant spark of Chinese nationalism during the reactionary years of the latter half of the nineteenth century, when the effete Manchu dynasty was drawing to an inglorious end.

ANOTHER secret society which has flourished in China since the early Ts'ing period is the Koh-lo-wool, or "Elder Brothers' Society." This, too, is stated by those who possess acquaintance with its aims and ideals to be similar in many respects to the Triad Society. During the time of the Empire, every effort was made by the Manchu Government to suppress it, on the grounds that its meeting-halls were hot-beds of sedition.

Unfortunately, like some of the other Chinese fraternal associations of similar type, there has been a woeful fluctuation in its standards of conduct. Thus, in one community, we find the society extolled on account of its high ideals, and, in another, repudiated and scorned because its doctrines are a veritable avatar of irresponsibility and the incarnation of infamy. In certain cases, members allegedly of such a society have been accused of racketeering and petty extortion.

What is reputed to be a membership ticket or badge in this society is reproduced on this page. It is an interesting document, printed on a kind of linen or hempen cloth, and measures three by six inches in size. The upper corners, as may be noted from the illustration, are truncated. The upper segment, about three-quarters of an inch deep, bears the mystic inscription: "Lung-wa-shaan," which is said to be the name of a certain mountain in Hukuang Province. The real meaning of this phrase is, of course, unknown save to initiates of the Order.

There are various inscriptions upon the document attesting to its official character. One of these is in the form of a rhymed couplet:

"Lung-wa-shaan ts'ui yat-chue-heung
Kung-yi-t'ong sheung pa-meng-yung
Ta'ung-p'ak ch'ung-t'ing chi-p'ing-mau
Ng-wo-oo sz-hoi ch'u-tung-wong."

A rather free translation is as follows:
"Before the Lung-wa mountain set a stick of incense flame
Within the Kung-yi Hall go win yourself an honoured name
The cypress and the fir o'erhead, their leaves in green luxuriance spread
The five lakes and the four seas one universal Lord proclaim."

BULLS AND INNERS

From the Office Butts

We understand that the gentleman who attempted to climb a Christmas tree, had Noel of a time.

This is the season to remember the ties that bind.

The gentleman who received shares in a brasserie as a Christmas gift, could not be blamed for thinking there were strings to it.

The lady who swallowed a thimble with her pudding, is, we are glad to say—just sew-sow!

Santa Claus.....Santanine.

We noticed a popular taipei place the lighted-end of his cigar in his mouth at the "Gripps." Fortunately, he discovered it at once.

Agony Column: Advertiser wishes to exchange two ties, box cigars, smoking cap, pair pink braces, micky-mouse etc. for something useful.

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Fancy dress was worn by the guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. Sanehs at a Christmas Eve party. Mr. Sanehs is the Consul in Hongkong for the Republic of Panama. (Photo: Ming Yuen).



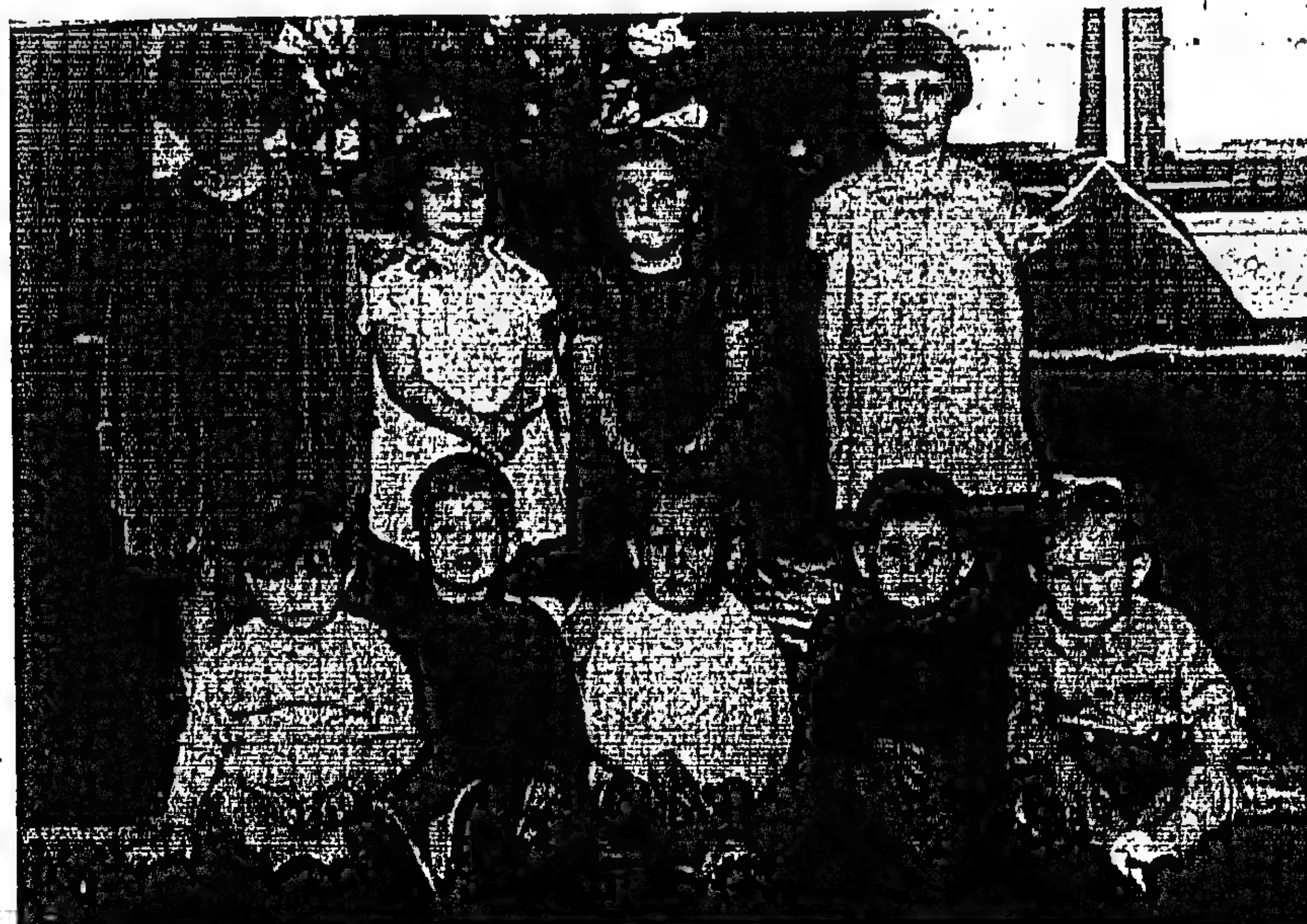
This sturdy Hongkong youngster, photographed at a Christmas party in Kowloon, is making strenuous efforts to masticate that lump of coconut. (Photo: Staff Photographer).



Friends of Miss Caroline Glover (centre) gathered at No. 40, Humphrey's Building on Christmas Eve for a party tendered for his daughter by Mr. V. B. Glover, of the Chinese Maritime Customs.



Members of the Staff of the Hongkong Office of Messrs. China Underwriters Ltd., photographed last week. (Photo: Ming Yuen).



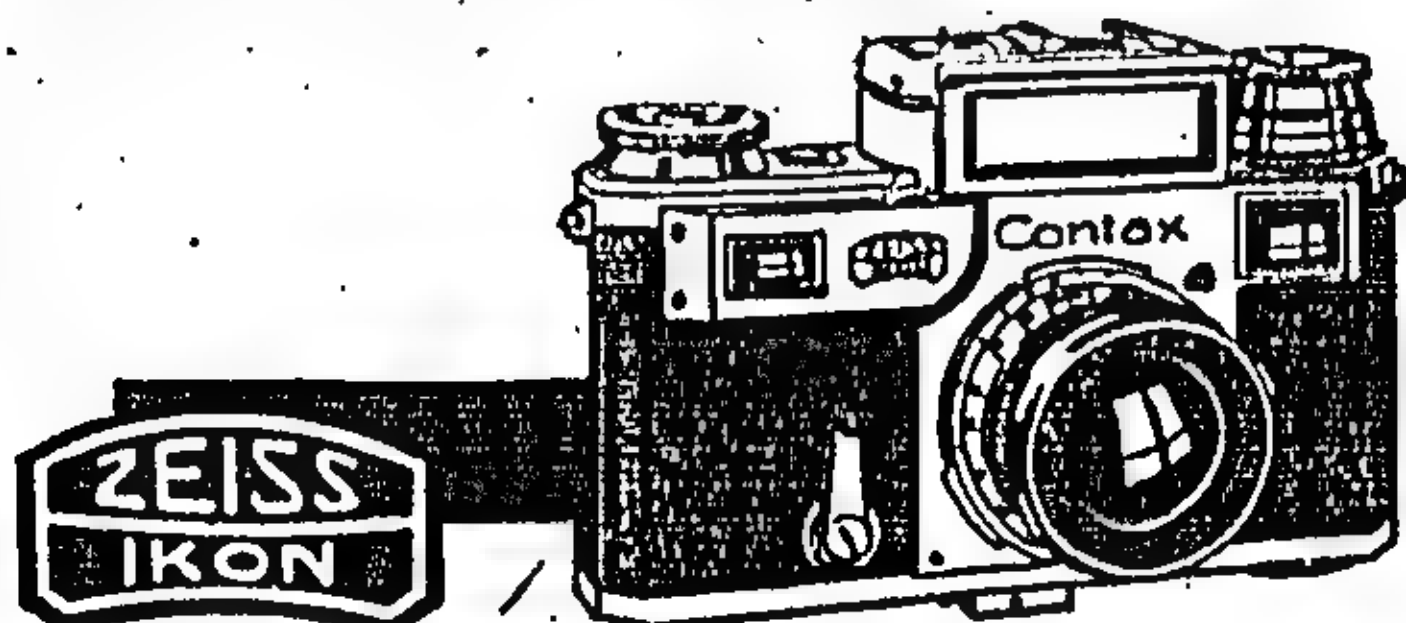
Kiddies who enjoyed Christmas Eve, and, of course, a real Christmas Tree, at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Bundred. (Photo: Mee Cheung).

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WIVES' AND SWEETHEARTS' PAGE

BRIDE AND GROOM ABOARD THE MEDWAY



The bride made a delightful picture in a Mario Antoinette period costume of silver grey moire at the wedding this week of Mrs. Gloria Monroe (nee Kahler) and Lieut Robert L. Chavo, R.N., of H.M.S. Regent. Kobza-nagy took this wedding-photograph-of-the-week aboard H.M.S. Medway, where the reception was held after a simple ceremony at the Registry Office.

Should Hongkong "Ladies" Haggle In Shops?

WHEN summer cruises came into force some years ago and people who had never before been out of their own country were able to visit places which previously they had never even dreamed of seeing, the criticism was levelled against them that they appeared to be under the impression that entirely new rules of behaviour came into force the moment they donned their cruising outfit.

It was said that they went ashore and in the streets of Tangiers or the shops of Barcelona and behaved as they would never dare to behave in their own home town.

Whether that criticism was entirely just or not, I cannot say, but I do say that here in Hongkong one frequently sees Europeans behaving as they would surely never behave in their own country.

"In Rome do as the Romans," and, having presumably been told that every "native" is a robber and that in the East you should never buy anything without first arguing about the price and getting it down, they proceed to do likewise to the great humiliation of anybody of their own nationality who happens to be near. Absurd, isn't it? ... Is it honest? verandah the whole of his neatly "Come along. What's ten cents?"

No "Thank You"

NOR do they restrict their behaviour to perpetual and unreasonable bargaining. They never by any chance say either "please" or "thank you," invariably treat the little Chinese shopman, who is doing his best to be helpful, as though his only aim in life was to "do" them, and adopt an attitude of superiority which, in view of the fact that John Chinaman is probably doing for them what they cannot do for themselves, is ridiculous.

When one stops to think about it, how dependent for our comfort we all are on those obliging little shopmen of Nathan Road or Queen's Road. Whether it is loose covers and cushions you need, a mattress re-made, a suite of furniture of your own designing, new rattan, a favourite dress copied or pair of shoes made to measure, John Chinaman is always there to turn to. Always "can do" and, when he makes a promise, rarely lets you down.

Something for Nothing

SURELY he is worthy of better treatment than he frequently receives?

I suspect that, coupled with the modern desire of getting something for nothing, it is the very fact that things ARE so cheap that tempts the mean-minded shopper who likes to drive a bargain to try and get the price still further down. She (men are by no means exempt, but women are) is afraid, the chief offenders, has been told that mattresses in Des Voeux Road are very cheap. "You can get a new one for \$2.50" says her friend.

So down to Des Voeux Road she goes and when the mattress-maker quotes \$2.50, says she will give him \$2. She knows that even at \$2.50 it is cheap compared with what she would have had to pay for the same thing in her own country, but is determined to get it still cheaper.

If she succeeds and, if trade is bad and rent day near she may, she will get into her car and drive home rejoicing, ready to tell all and sundry

Need For Little More Politeness

about her good fortune in getting her mattress for so little. "Only two dollars, my dear. Absurd, isn't it? ... Is it honest? Do people who always pay less than they need to, realise that they are keeping down the standard of living of the poorest paid members of the community?"

Inconsiderate

THE same woman, if she has no Mahjong engagement and is at a loose end, will allow a Chinese youth, who peddles laden and perspiring to her bungalow, to unpack on her verandah the whole of his neatly packed stock, merely for the pleasure of looking at it and comparing his prices with those of his confreres, who was there a few days previously. Have we not all heard women say: "Here comes the pedlar. I don't want anything. I haven't got any money to spare, but let's see something—and I admit John is willing to unpack the whole of his stock on the chance of selling even 50 cents worth—the awful haggling over prices begins."

"No Can Do"

\$3? Absurd! I'll give you one" and in reply to his smiling "Solly, Missie, no can do" assures him and everybody else who happens to be there, that she has never heard of anything so ridiculous. She knows that in Tientsin you can get it for half that price.

Of course you can, but we are not in Tientsin, nor is John Chinaman a charitable institution. He is a tradesman anxious to earn a living.

I have heard people say, by way of excuse, that the oriental loves bargaining. I wonder....

Perhaps he does when it is done in friendly fashion as in the "souks" of Morocco, the bazaars of Cairo, where the customer is offered a cigarette and cup of coffee over which, time being no object, seller and buyer endeavour to arrive at a price agreeable to both.

In any case, even if you can't agree, you would never tell him, as I recently heard an arrogant young woman in Nathan Road, that you had never heard of anything—so outrageous and, when his English proved unequal to your voluble expostulations, that he was a fool incapable of understanding anything.

Not A Bad Fellow

ON the contrary, considering that the little shopman is probably quite illiterate, albeit a clever craftsman, it is surely remarkable that he manages to learn sufficient of our language to be able to do business with us at all for we never bother to learn any of his. That he is a simple fellow and lives on so little a day, is no reason for compelling him to sell to you at so small a profit that he can never aspire to anything above his present rate.

It is not unusual to hear a European who has succeeded in getting the price down and down, yet cannot get it past the last ten cents, say: "Come alone. What's ten cents?"

Exactly. What is a ten cent piece? Probably nothing when it comes out of the woman's purse, but when it goes into John Chinaman's, a complete meal.

In every country both in the West and in the East there are tradesmen who will try to benefit from the ignorance of the newcomer or pass-

ing tourist, but, if you have made it your business to find out, roughly, what you should pay for a certain article, then it is unreasonable and immoral to attempt to get the price below what you know you ought to pay.

MOREOVER we should do well, now and again, when considering whether we are getting good value for our money, to give a thought to the actual people who make us what we require: the serious faced men sitting over rattling sewing machines all the long day so that our drawing rooms may be gay with chintz covers; the patient women weaving endless rattles so that we may sit in comfort.

If we use a little imagination, pay what we know we ought to pay and but this is more difficult, try to be as courteous as is the Asiatic himself, we shall enjoy our purchases all the more when we get them home.

D. C.

Week-End Problems

PROBLEM I

A WALK IN THE PARK

Lord Umph has a magnificent park, in shape a perfect circle. It is exactly one mile in diameter. At its centre stands a summer-house, and from here, in various directions, grassy paths run in straight lines to the circumference of the park.

There are also numerous other paths running in various directions. But all of these, also, follow a perfectly straight course.

One day I was walking along one such path, which traversed the park from circumference to circumference, with a retired schoolmaster named Calculus. We had walked, we reckoned, just 600 yards when we reached a clearing where our path intersected one of the paths leading to the summer-house. "Hal!" exclaimed Calculus. "I know this spot. This summer-house is exactly a quarter of a mile away."

"So what?" I said, not much interested.

"Why," said Calculus, "we can now work out the total length of this path along which we are walking."

It took him about two minutes to do so.

What is the total length of the path?

PROBLEM II

WORD SQUARE

My first is a building—a bluish—a fur-coated animal too;

My next is a world-famous poet—an expert on love (as some know it);

My third is a tree—and it's also a substance that's something like glue;

And my last is a garden—or river—or one of our rulers might do!

(Answers in Column 4.)

TEST ANSWERS

By Whose Hand? (Solution)

Where had the whisky come from? No bottle, pocket flask or receptacle of any kind was found. The unknown stranger correctly presumed by Playfair to be Simon Magillies' murderer—had taken his flask away with him; leaving behind—owing to sudden panic—the evidence of his presence in the room.

Current Affairs

(1)	3	(9)	4	(17)	3
(2)	5	(10)	2	(18)	1
(3)	1	(11)	3	(19)	2
(4)	3	(12)	5	(20)	4
(5)	1	(13)	1	(21)	1
(6)	2	(14)	5	(22)	5
(7)	4	(15)	2	(23)	5
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Week-End Problems

PROBLEM I.

A WALK IN THE PARK

1,500 yards

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PROBLEM II.

WORD SQUARE

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Slice another banana very thinly, put it in a basin with the white of the egg and a dessertspoonful of castor sugar, and whip till it is like thick cream. Pile it on top of the custard and serve.

CUT peeled bananas in halves. Smear with raspberry jam and roll in desiccated coconut, or cover with melted chocolate and sprinkle with chopped raw apple or blanched almonds.

At lunch time it's always easy to make fruit salad with bananas, grapes, oranges, apples, or a green salad with nuts and bananas to flavour.

FOR something, to end up with try Shredded Wheat Savoury.

Crumble up some Shredded Wheat, one per person. Damp them with a cup of milk. Mash one banana per person and spread on top of the wheat. Break one egg per person and let float on top.

Sprinkle over some grated cheese and a few little knobs of butter. Bake in a fairly hot oven till the eggs are nicely set.

AND here are two banana sauces, one for sweets and one for savouries.

1. Peel some bananas (not over ripe). Put in a saucepan with a little water. Add a bit of bay leaf, one clove, a dash of cayenne pepper, and half-teaspoonful of red-currant jelly. Boil together for a few minutes, then rub through a fine sieve and serve hot or cold.

(2) Peel three bananas and rub through a sieve. Boil three-quarters pint of water 2 oz. of loaf sugar and a strip of lemon rind. Add the banana pulp and reduce a little. Toss in a glass of marsala or sherry. Boil up again, strain, and serve hot with your fritters or whatever.



The Football XI of No. 6 Section of the R.A.O.C., photographed recently. (Photo: A. Hing).



The Hon. Mr. T. H. King, Commissioner of Police, and Mrs. King, were guests of honour at a Christmas Party held by Officers and Members of Police Headquarters on Christmas Day. (Photo: Ming Yuen).



These kiddies had a happy time at a Christmas Party held on Christmas Eve at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. T. Davis. (Photo: Ming Yuen).



Members of the Staff of the Standard-Vacuum Oil Company foregathered on Christmas Day for a Christmas Dinner Party. The photograph was taken at 549, The Peak.

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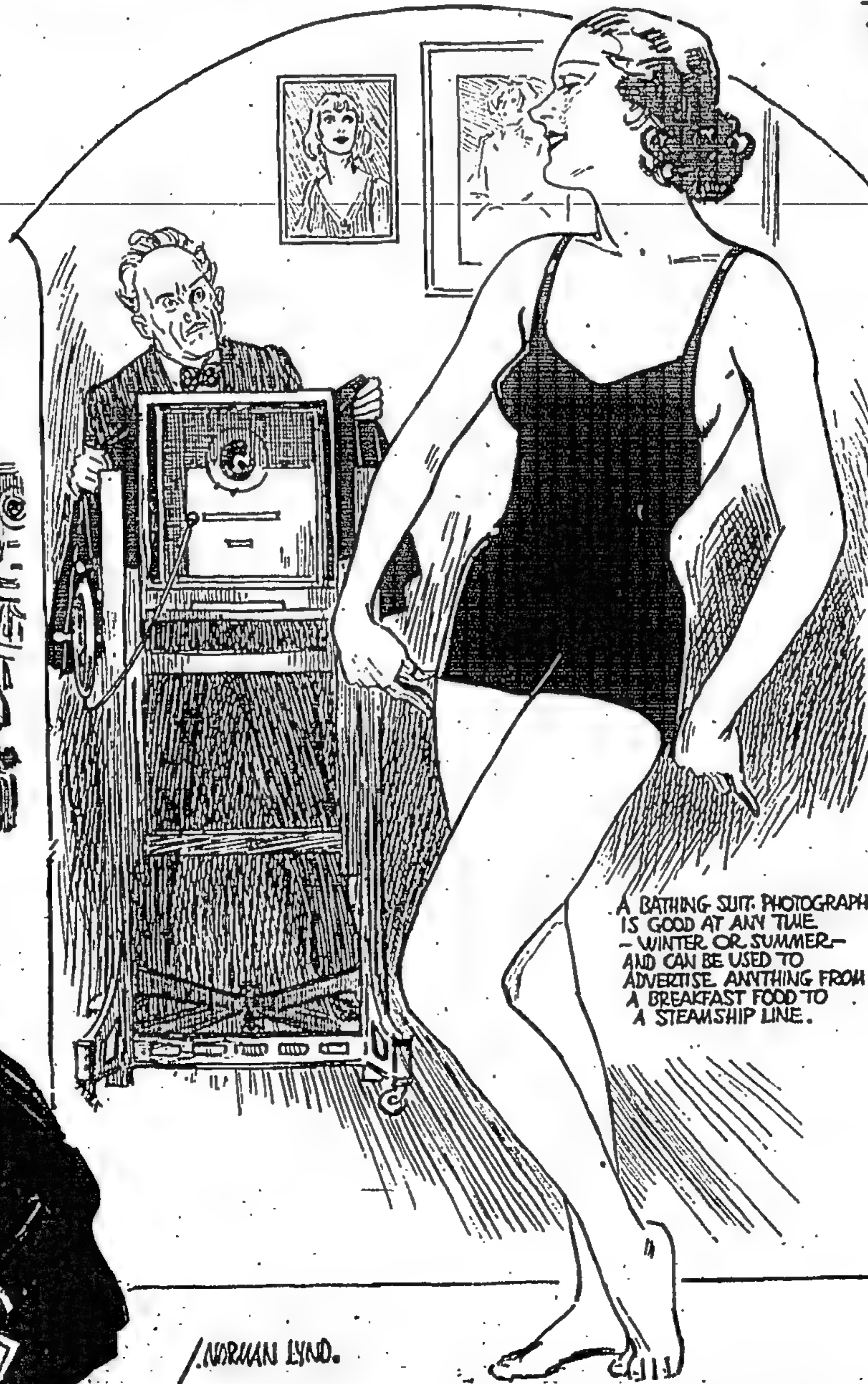


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MY
GIRL."

"WELL, OF COURSE
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OF YOU... BUT..."



"THE BRIDAL COUPLE HAVE
TO HAVE THE WEDDING-
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OH WELL, IT'S HER
BIG DAY."



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"THE LADY WHO
STRETCHES HER NECK
AND WANTS TO BE
TAKEN WITH HER
CHIN IN THE AIR—
THUS HIDING THE
FACT THAT SHE HAS
THREE CHINS—NO
NEED TO WORRY—HELL
FIX IT—THAT'S
HIS JOB."



"THE 'IMPORTANT PERSON IN THE
COMMUNITY' SITS FOR HIS PICTURE—
'NAPOLEONIC STUFF'—IMPRESSIVE,
DIGNIFIED... AND IF THE PICTURE
SCARES THE KIDS THAT'S THEIR
HARD LUCK."

"THE OLD BIRD WITH THE
CELLULOID COLLAR WHO
WANTS A PICTURE FOR
HIS CHILDREN AND
GRANDCHILDREN YET
UNBORN... AND THE
PHOTO AND THE
CELLULOID COLLAR
WILL BE ABOUT ALL
THAT THE DESCENDANT
WILL GET."



J. NORMAN LYND.

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Cold British Reaction To Japan's Apology

BUT SATISFACTION EXPRESSED AT GUARANTEES GIVEN

Versions Of Wuhu Attacks Differ Considerably

London, Dec. 30.

Pending the return of Mr. Anthony Eden, the Foreign Secretary, this afternoon, it is not certain whether the Japanese reply to the British note concerning the shelling of the British warships at Wuhu is considered acceptable.

Certain points in the reply are considered to be couched vaguely.

Present indications are that the Foreign Office acknowledgment will be cold, though courteous in tone. It is known that the British Ambassador to Tokyo, Sir Robert Craigie, has already objected to the military report of the incidents on which the Japanese Government appears to rely. Exception is taken to the assumption that foreign warships and merchant vessels had no right in the vicinity of the fighting.

The British acknowledgment of the reply may point out that the British Government prefers to rely on its own report.—Reuter.

OFFICIALS SATISFIED

London, Dec. 30.

Mr. Anthony Eden returned to London from Yorkshire, where he spent Christmas, to-day, and he hopes to leave London next week for a few days' holiday in the south of France, when he will attend the opening of the League Council at Geneva on January 17.

Mr. Neville Chamberlain, the Prime Minister, will be in charge of the Foreign Office during Mr. Eden's absence.

It is learned in official circles that the British Government notes with satisfaction that the Japanese apologies and other settlements with regard to the Wuhu incidents cover attacks on the merchantmen as well as the warships.

Whilst the British version of the Wuhu incidents differs from that of the Japanese, the British Government appreciates that measures are to be taken by the Japanese Government with regard to the punishment of the officers responsible, and is glad that in the Note full guarantees are offered against the possibility of future attacks.—Reuter.

BRITAIN IS SATISFIED

London, Dec. 31.

The Daily Telegraph diplomatic correspondent says that the first British reaction to the Japanese reply is to note that Japan's version differs from the well-authenticated version stated in the British note on December 16. The Japanese version is not accepted.

Nevertheless it is observed that Tokyo has sought to give the assurance demanded by Britain both regarding disciplinary measures and guarantees against future repetitions. This is regarded as satisfactory. Much now depends on the efficacy of the steps ordered by Tokyo and the readiness of the commanders on the spot to carry them out.—Reuter.

NOTICE TO MARINERS

The Naval Authorities state that considerable silt has taken place on the North side of the channel over Taku Bar. The main leading marks now show the Northern edge of the channel which is about 150 feet wide. The former Southern Dredger Beacon now marks the centre of the channel, and the old Northern Dredger Beacon has been erected to mark the Southern Edge.

Captain Laird, of the Seaford Highlanders, has reported to the Police that someone stole from his yacht, Curlew, anchored in Causeway Bay, a barometer and thermometer valued at \$20.

POWERFUL HANKOW DEFENCES

Making The City Impregnable
Hard Fighting In North

Shanghai, Dec. 31.

For the purpose of making the approaches to Hankow impregnable, it is understood Marshal Chiang Kai-shek has ordered the construction of 800 steel-cased concrete block-houses which, it is reported, will be equipped with anti-aircraft guns, heavy machine-guns and trench mortars.

Each block-house will accommodate 80 men.—Reuter.

Incendiary Bombs

Hankow, Dec. 30.

The spokesman for the Chinese Army stated to-day that a huge quantity of incendiary bombs were dropped on Tainan by Japanese planes two days ago, which resulted in a big fire which has raged for the past 48 hours, doing serious damage.

Japanese planes bombed Sian and Hsuehchow yesterday. After the occupation of Tsinan, as their immediate objective. They left only one division of troops in Tsinan city but three trainloads are on their way from Tsinan.

The Chinese have destroyed the railway bridges at Chiehshou, ten kilometres north of Tainan.

Chinese Success

Central News says Chinese troops recaptured Fuyang, near Hangchow, yesterday. The Military spokesman also announces that Weihsin, in eastern Shantung, is still in Chinese hands. Japanese troops are trying to outflank the Chinese positions at Tainan by crossing the Yellow River at Tunchang, above Tsinan. But so far they have not succeeded.

The Chinese are trying to cut the Japanese columns west of Taihu Lake, in Kiangsu, and have been successful to a certain extent.—United Press.

FIENDISH CRUELTY PUNISHED

But Law Cannot Reach Vicious Woman

At the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, Mr. K. Keen fined a man named Wong Tak-chuen, 40, \$100 for cruelty to a 10-months-old Chinese baby girl.

It will be remembered that the case first went before Mr. K. Keen some weeks ago when a warrant was issued for the arrest of a woman named Li Kung, aged 24, who was jointly charged with the man, and who had "jumped" her bull of \$250. This woman, it was alleged, had burned, beaten and gagged the baby and thrown it on the floor. The man admitted having struck the child on several occasions because she made a noise.

Before imposing the fine Mr. K. Keen said that he was satisfied that the man had assaulted the child but that his guilt was very slight when compared to that of the woman's. He was also satisfied that the burn, bruise, and abrasion marks on the child's body had been caused by the woman. However, the man was looking after the woman and should have prevented her from ill-treating the child, who according to a doctor's evidence heard in earlier proceedings, was under-nourished.

Mr. H. W. Fraser of the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs was in charge of the case.

GERMAN-SIAMESE TREATY

Berlin, Dec. 30.

A German-Siamese treaty of friendship and commerce has been concluded at Bangkok.—Reuter.

Japan And Italy Make Trade Deal

Relatively Small Sum Involved Since Japan Is At War

Rome, Dec. 31.

It is reliably stated that the additional Italy-Japanese trade accord for East Africa involves a relatively small sum, about \$20,000 annually. Japan, it is expected, would supply Italy with soy beans from Manchuria and the Italians, in return, will relinquish some of their most valuable industrial patents, among which is that for the manufacture of synthetic wool.

Attention is drawn to the fact that due to the war she is fighting Japan is no longer in a position to enter into bigger trade commitments with Italy, as she previously intended, as she will need to hold on to all her national wealth.

It is rumoured in military circles that the Italian Government will shortly authorise the aviator Stoppini to make a non-stop flight from Rome to Tokyo.—United Press.

FOREIGN OFFICE

Tokyo, Dec. 31.

The Foreign Office has issued a statement concerning the supplementary commercial agreement with Italy. It says it has preserved the rights previously obtained in Ethiopia and extends the provisions of the existing treaty, signed in 1913, to all Italian colonies.—United Press.

AGREEMENT SIGNED

Rome, Dec. 30.

A supplementary trade agreement between Italy and Japan was signed by Count Ciano and the Japanese Ambassador this morning. It extends the existing Italy-Japanese trade facilities to Italian East-Africa where, it is understood, Japan will trade on a basis of strict reciprocity to the extent of 16,000,000 lire annually.

Japan will buy East African salt and probably also raw cotton in exchange for textile goods.—Reuter's Special.

STOLE JEWELLERY FOR FRIEND

The theft of two gold bangles, a gold bracelet and a gold finger ring, worth \$200 altogether, was the charge brought against Li Chin-ling, 20, single woman, when she appeared before Mr. K. Keen at the Central Magistracy this morning.

Detective-Sergeant J. Bentley said Li lived with the owner of the jewellery, Fu Shu-chan, married woman, at No. 115 Wanchai Road, second floor, and sometime in November stole the key to the jewellery box from Fu's sister, opened the box and took the jewellery.

She then replaced the key, and left the house the next day, going to Canton where she had the jewellery melted. Fu missed her jewellery on December 21 and informed the police. On being questioned defendant admitted the theft.

Asked by his Worship what she had done with the money she had obtained for the jewellery, defendant said she had given it to a man friend in Toisian. She could make no restitution.

A fine of \$250 with the alternative of two months' hard labour was imposed.

STRIKERS WIN DEMANDS

THEN RETURN TO WORK IN PARIS

Paris, Dec. 30.

The Government has agreed to the Paris strikers' demands, according to a communique issued by the Workers' Unions in the Paris region and the General Union of Public Services. The strikers returned to work this morning and the municipal services are now functioning again.—Reuter.

Private Bumpstead, of the Middlesex Regiment, was admitted to the Military Hospital, Bowen Road, yesterday, with injuries to his right leg, sustained when he was knocked down by a motor bus in Kowloon.

RADIO BROADCAST

Lyrical Tenor Recital By Stephen Burnes

VIOLIN AND PIANO

Radio Programme Broadcast by ZBW on Frequencies of 845 k.c., 9.52 m.c. per second.

6.0-7.0 Chinese Programme.
7.0 Brahms.
Variations On An Original Theme, Op. 21, No. 1, Wilhelm Backhaus (Piano).
Variations On A Theme By Haydn (St. Antoni Chorale), Op. 56, Philharmonic-Symphony Orch. of New York Cond. by Arturo Toscanini.

7.24 Closing local Stock Quotation and Hongkong Exchange Market Report.
7.30 Studio-Recital by Molly Hailoraa (Piano) and Claire Hartge (Violin).

1. Kreisler Selection; 2. Dornroschen (Tschalkowsky); 3. On The Edge of the Lake. (Summer Day Suite)—Coates; 4. Three Ballads: In Your Arms To-night, Pariani d'Amore, Where Are You?; 5. Glamorous Nights—Selection (Ivor Novello).

8.0 Local Time Signal. Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 Studio—Stephen Burnes (Lyrical Tenor) in a Scottish Programme Accompanied by A. T. Lay (Piano).

1. Annie Laurie; 2. Bonnie, Bonnie, Banks O' Loch Lomond; 3. Bonnie Wee Thing, Coronech (Barra); 4. A. T. Lay (Piano); 5. May O' Argyle; 6. Will Ye No Come Back Again; 7. The Road to the Isles.
8.30 Scottish Orchestra.
Foursome. . . . Meredith-Kay And His Orchestra.

8.40 Variety.
Organ and Waltz Selection. . . . Reginald Dixon Vocal—The Whiffenpoof Song (Minneleroode, Fomery and Galloway); Vieni Vieni (Koger, Varna and Scott); . . . Rudy Vallee and Male Quartette with Carroll Gibbons and His Orchestra; Orchestra—Romance In Moonlight. . . . Alfredo Campoli and His Orchestra; Comedian—Sandy's Own Broadcast.

9.00 Studio—Sandy Powell; Orchestra—Early Mornin' Blues (Ammons); Mile-Or-Mo Bird Rag (Ammons); . . . Albert Ammons and His Rhythm Kings; Vocal Duets—Sally The Circus Queen (Weston-Lee); The Legionaires (Warner-Darnell); . . . Warner and Darnell.

9.15 London Relay—Five Years of Empire Broadcasting.

A talk by the Director Of The Empire Service, Mr. J. B. Clark.

9.30 London Relay—The News.

9.50 Songs by Muriel Brunskill (Contralto).

Songs Of The Hebrides—Kishmul's Galley (Kennedy-Fraser), In Hebride Seas; The Banks Of Allin Water (Old Scottish Ballad).

10.0 Scottish Orchestra.
The Haymakers (Traditional); Triumph (Traditional); Meg Mellicies (arr. Diack); Glasgow Highlanders (arr. Diack); . . . Scottish Country Dance Orchestra Conducted by J. M. Diack.

10.12 Relay of the Dance Orchestra from the Grill Room of the Hongkong Hotel.

During the intervals recorded dance music will be played from Z.B.W.

11.58 Auld Lang Syne.
12.0 Bells Of The Cathedral Ringing In The New Year.
12.16 Close down.

CLEARING BRITAIN'S SLUMS

London, Dec. 30.

The returns issued by the Minister of Labour show good progress is being made in the final stages of the Government's great slum clearance campaign. During the year ended September 30, 69,439 houses were demolished or closed compared with 45,145 during the previous 12 months.

To same date 163,274 houses, with accommodation for 704,069 persons, have been provided for the purpose of slum clearance operations. The returns also record that 3,484,132 new houses have been built in England and Wales since November 1918.—British Wireless.

HEALTHY BRITISH SCHOOL CHILDREN

London, Dec. 30.

The annual report on the health of school children by the chief Medical Officer of the Board of Education gives evidence based on the examination of 1,700,000 children, that nutrition standards have been maintained during the past year. Over 3,000,000 children were the subject of medical inspection.—British Wireless.

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COMFORT HEALTH

AUSTRALIAN PONIES ADDED LUSTRE TO MEETINGS

1937 WAS NOT BRITAIN'S BEST SPORTS YEAR



Henry Cotton, who upheld British golf prestige by winning the British Open and then beating Denny Shute in a "world Championship" match in 1937.

Islington Corinthians' Fine Record

LOSE TWO OUT OF 38 MATCHES

Writing from India on December 22 Mr. Thomas Smith, Manager of Islington Corinthians Football Club stated: "You will be pleased to hear that we are doing very well in India having played 28 games in 37 days, winning 22, drawing 5 and losing 1."

The record of their tour up to the 22nd is therefore as follows:

Played 28, Won 22, drew 5, lost 2.

The two matches they lost were: 30.10.37 Selected XI Port Said and Canal Zone 1-4.

21.11.37 Decca Sporting Association 0-1.

According to their itinerary, they have now finished their Indian Programme and are en route to Rangoon, arriving there on January 3. Two matches will be played there after which they will sail for Penang to commence their tour through Malaya. They will leave Singapore for Hongkong on February 11 per M. S. Aramis arriving here on February 18.

F.A. COUNCIL MEETING

A meeting of the Hongkong Football Association Council will be held in the Association Offices, Room No. 205, Gloucester Hotel Building, at 5.30 p.m. on Monday, January 3.

By H. L. Percy
United Press Staff Correspondent

London.
From the international point of view Britain had a far from satisfactory sports year in 1937.

Take the two sports most generally popular—golf and tennis. In golf, she managed to break just about even. But tennis was an almost complete flop.

Henry Cotton won the British open golf championship at Carnoustie, a terrible weather and against the United States' best, and a few days later he beat Denny Shute, American match play champion, to establish himself as the world's best golfer.

But Britain lost the Ryder Cup match at Southport, to the United States by 8 points to 4, the first "away" win in the history of the contest.

And the British open amateur championship was an Anglo-American affair, the winner being Robert Sweeney, originally from New York, but now resident here.

The women's open championship was won by Miss Jessie Anderson, in an all-Scottish final. No Americans were entered for this competition, the only British title which has never crossed the Atlantic.

In tennis Britain got one and a half titles out of five, compared with four in 1936, and lost the Davis Cup and Wightman Cup.

Miss Dorothy Round, now Mrs. Douglas Little, won the women's singles at Wimbledon, beating Miss Jadwiga Jedzejowska of Poland, 6-2, 7-5, and Madame Simone Mathieu, of France, and Miss Billy Yorke, of Britain, won the women's doubles.

High-spot of the Wimbledon fortnight, however, was the record triple win of red-head, 21-year-old Californian, Donald Budge, who captured the men's singles, and shared in the men's doubles with Gene Mako, and the mixed doubles with Alice Marble.

PRACTICALLY FOREGONE LOSS

The loss of the Davis Cup by Britain after four years was practically a foregone conclusion. Fred Perry had turned professional and there was no-one to take his place.

Early in the competition there were some doubts whether it would be the United States, Australia or Germany who would challenge Britain for the cup, but after the United States trounced Australia in the Pacific zone final, most of these doubts disappeared, and eventually America beat Britain 4-1.

The Wightman cup match between British and United States women was even more easy, America scoring her seventh successive win by 6-1.

Only two other sports can be said to have entered the information field in 1937. These were yachting and boxing.

In the race for the America's Cup, off the Maine coast, the American yacht, Ranger, completely outdistanced the British Endeavour II, by 4 races to 0.

BOXING BRIGHTER
Boxing presented rather a brighter outlook. Tommy Farr, of Wales, British and Empire heavyweight champion, proved himself the best contender for the world title in nearly 40 years.

Joe Louis, the Brown Bomber, beat him, and beat him easily, on points over 15 rounds, in New York, with Louis' title at stake, but the (Continued on Page 4.)



Mrs. Little (Miss Dorothy Round) who scored Britain's only important victory in international tennis contests during 1937.

THE CHINA SUB GRIFFINS

TAKE \$37,322 IN STAKE MONEY

Among the China ponies subscription griffins, the Hongkong Jockey Club handed out stake money to the extent of \$37,322, but almost a quarter of this sum went to Gordito who was without any question a first class animal.

As in the past, several sub-griffins were late in coming to form but, after the resumption Shipmaster, Tabby Cat and Yum Sing showed up remarkably well, especially the first named pony, which finished second in the St. Leger and the Autumn Sub-Champions. After running second to the winner, Slopwatch, in the Swatow Handicap on March 27, Pagan Love went to the hospital, and although entered he never accepted any race during the second half.

The latest report about this cream pony is that he is still under a cloud but the connections are confident of getting Pagan Love in condition for the coming Annual Race Meeting.

The undermentioned list will show the lucky owners.

Adam	\$ -
Alr Mail	150
Aramis	1,350
Arax	1,275
Atomie Star	1,275
Bameter	-
Bouldner	-
Busok	-
China Clipper	425
Chiu Shan	-
Chun Teen	-
Clover	175
Coronation Day	2,802
Declaire	850
Despair Bay	-
Ding Dong	-
Dragonfly	-
Election Day	150
Fellar	-
Feudal Knight	600
Flying Arrow	425
Gordito	8,222
Happy Venture	975
Helephant	1,100
Inca	150
Lancashire Tich	725
Ling Long	50
Mae's Adventure	650
Maiale	-
March Brown	150
Mariposa	1,200
National Anthem	1,500
National Path	600
National Widow	-
Naughty Cat	-
Pagan Love	2,421
Park View	-
Peak View	-

GAVE RACING FANS THRILLS, FAST TIMES, & NICE DIVIDENDS

(By "Capt. Foster")

The excellent state of the going at all the Meetings including the Annual Carnival offered many opportunities for our Australian ponies to demonstrate their horse-power, there being five track records broken during the season and it can be said, without any fear of contradiction, that the Australian cobs always provided the best events of our programmes.

No official record has as yet been established for the new distance from the 1 1/2 mile post (about five furlongs), which was first run at the Fourth Extra Race Meeting on May 1, for all the winners over this course were under the weight for inches as per scale. The fastest run over this distance was performed by Double Finesse sired by Double Court in the Corroboree Handicap when the mare with a load of only 137 lbs. (18 lbs. under weight) covered the course in 57.4/5 seconds, averaging 24.3/5 seconds per two furlongs for the last half-mile.

Boblnak Star (which pony unseated his jockey in the New Bridge Handicap and was eventually disqualified) held the record time of 1.17.2/5 for six furlongs from February 19, 1935, but Lancashire Chips lowered it by four-fifths of a second on May 1, when he annexed the Canterbury Park Handicap in 1.16.3/5. It should be noted that the latter, carrying 148 lbs. won the Queensland Handicap in wonderful fashion of one minute sixteen seconds, but being four pounds under weight, the time could not be accepted as an official record.

Messrs. Johnson and Alabaster's Ranger was in great form when he captured the Calliope Handicap over a mile in 1.44.3/5 against the turf record of 1.45 held by Saucy Face established on April 22, 1935, but the speed was not acknowledged by the Stewards of the Hongkong Jockey Club owing to the fact that Ranger was running a couple of pounds under the basis of weight for inches. It was indeed a great blow to an "A" class runner; more so to Able Amazon which, won the Saucy Face Handicap "A" class over the same distance in 1.43.4/5 because this brown mare was carrying eleven pounds of lead under the scale weight.

From the two mile post, once round and in, Electron with 155 lbs. under the able assistance of Mr. N. Deltz romped home first in the Adelaide Stakes on February 24 last by three lengths in 1.55.4/5 against 1.56.2/5 set up by Strathroy carrying the limit load of 165 lbs. on April 13, 1936, but, on March 29 this year, the latter shouldering the same weight had no difficulty in annexing the Broken Hill Handicap with the greatest of ease in 1.55.3/5, lowering Electron's figure by a fifth of a second.

Strathroy was in good form at the Annual Carnival when he had an easy passage in the Australian Ponies Champions covering the circuit of 1 1/4 miles in 2.10.3/5, lowering his own record by a fifth of a second but, he did not summer too well owing to skin trouble and as a result he was unable to line up in the Queensland Autumn Champions. Strathroy was undoubtedly one of the finest Australian ponies we have had and it is to be hoped that he will be a stunner at the coming Annual Race Meeting.

Gypsy Love, the best Australian sub-griffin of this season, captured the Rooly-Hill Derby in amazing time of 2.43.3/5 lowering Gold Morning's record by four two-fifths seconds, but the little maiden gave a very disappointing display in the Autumn Champions.

Persian Cat	425
Playboy	-
Prospero	400
Radium	250
Robarra	-
Rondo	-
Shipmaster	2,075
Spring Beauty	-
Standard Time	-
Successful Time	-
Tabby Cat	2,150
Tempest	1,067
The Baboon	-
Trent	-
Tee Tin	150
Weedon Seat	325
Whalser	2,025
Yum Sing	1,250
	\$37,322

\$49,480 IN STAKE MONEY

STRATHROY'S \$4,300

The total of stakes paid out to the Australian ponies including the subscription griffins of this season was \$49,480 and in comparison with last year's figure, the amount has been increased by \$7,821. This was mainly due to the restoration of stake money in all the events after the resumption and also the introduction of "C" class races. The list is made up as follows:—

Able Amazon	\$2,350
A Great Time	950
Amulet	850
Australian Boy	1,000
Bag Tor	200
Beat That	200
Blandford	2,525
Boblnak Star	150
Boronia Belle	400
Branchholme	150
Brutus	1,350
Centre Court	1,250
Courting Eve	1,083
Derby Day	950
Diek Turpin	1,600
Discovery Day	800
Double Finesse	2,100
Electron	1,800
Gypsy Love	4,631
Hercules	-
Holiday Eve	3,000
Home Brew	1,050
Money	250
Kathleen	1,450
Lancashire Chips	4,166
Ladill	-
Lianarmon	1,300
Liangollen	200
Medieval Knight	-
National Unity	-
Negatin	450
Perfect Day	-
Petronas	-
Pracious Stream	-
Racing Heart	900
Ranger	950
Rhodium	-
Rooly	850
Roseland	-
Saltire	-
Saucy Face	2,250
Snowy River	950
Solerina	300
Strathcarrick	200
Strathroy	4,300
Strathroy	-
Such Fun	300
The Right Time	300
Twilight Star	1,500
Violet Queen	675
Violet Tor	1,200
Zodiac	-
	\$49,480

(An "X" after a pony denotes sub-griffins of this season).
It will be seen that this year's sub-griffin, Gypsy Love, heads the list with \$4,631 to her credit and then comes Strathroy collecting \$4,300 for his owner, Lancashire Chips is not far behind with \$4,166 to provide his own upkeep, but Able Amazon, Blandford, Double Finesse and Saucy Face have each earned over \$2,000 to pay for their chow.

The wonderful come-back of Able Amazon does not require any fresh writing, but the manner in which this brown mare won the Autumn Champions spoke volumes for the training of this pony by the Russian boy.

Another pony which is worthy of reference is Brutus. This charger could not earn a cent in 1936 (the year of his griffinhood) but the introduction of "C" class events gave Brutus innumerable chances of collecting stake money and he finished the season with a credit balance of \$1,350. However it is interesting to relate that the total of stakes paid out to the old Australian ponies amounted to \$26,450 while the sub-griffins of this year claimed \$23,030 thus aggregating in all \$49,480.

RACING NOTES BY CAPT. FOSTER

Best 12 Australian Stallions

DOUBLE COURT A FINE STUD

As this paper will no doubt find its way to Australia, I think it is only right that the breeders down in the Antipodes should know something about the success of the off-springs by various stallions. Space is somewhat limited, but I have compiled a list of a dozen best stallions showing the amount of stakes won by their daughters and sons during the season.

By Boblnak	Total
Boblnak Star	\$ 150
Snowy River	550
By Backwood	
Gypsy Love	4,631
By Double Court	
Courting Eve	\$1,250
Derby Day	950
Double Finesse	2,100
Such Fun	300
Bravado	150
	5,833
By Fernkloof	
Discovery Day	\$ 800
Noogie	850
Rooly	1,050
By King's Treasure	
Able Amazon	2,350
By Lord Lyndhurst	
Twilight Star	\$1,500
Roseland	1,500
By Little Dean	
Lancashire Chips	4,166
By Paelet	
Strathroy	\$4,300
Pipsizawa	4,300
By Sunny South	
Blandford	2,525
By Trusty Servant	
Australian Boy	\$ 450
Saucy Face	2,250
	3,100
By Toyrene	
Home Brew	1,050
By Wallace Isinglass	
Electron	1,800

LIST OF LEADING OWNERS

Sir Victor Sassoon, Bt., is again at the top among the list of stake winners confined to the Derby griffin. Havoc Eve and Happy Eve being first and second with a credit balance of \$4,491 and \$3,987 respectively.

Mrs. L. Dunbar's Red Feather is third while Mr. Li Po-chun's Expansion Time is just behind with a very small difference of money.

However it is a pleasure to relate that Happy Eve and Expansion Time have not been replaced this season, the former facing the tape three times while Mr. Li Po-chun's mare came under Mr. Potts on seven occasions. Sir Victor's Havoc Eve won (Continued on Page 9.)

SUNDAY MEETING AT MACAO

GOOD PROGRAMME ARRANGED

(By "Captain Foster")

Those who are spending the week-end at Macao will not regret calling round at Arcia Preta on Sunday where an attractive programme of six events will be staged under the auspices of the Macao Jockey Club.

First saddling bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m., and the first race will be run at 2 o'clock.

The s.s. Kinshan will leave the usual pier at 9.30 a.m., returning at 7 p.m., instead of the usual 8 o'clock. The extra hour will no doubt be much appreciated by race goers and something about the minor positions.

The curtain raiser will be the Szechuen Handicap over six furlongs and I fancy Meadow Eve to pass the post first. Rothcay Bay and Merry Maker should fill the minor positions.

Courneur Bleu has a good opportunity of making amends in the Ching Itoi Handicap over seven furlongs, but he must keep a good eye on Hohenfels. Gold Clause and Hogmanay have been allotted 163 lbs. and I am afraid the weight will hinder their chances. As an outsider I recommend Country Flower or Wood Nymph, both having only 135 lbs. to carry.

It has been whispered to me that Emergency Call is a certainty for the Kansu Handicap over five furlongs, but I would like to know something about Lancashire Tich and Mae's Adventure. The two mokes are speedy merchants over short distance and a good start means everything.

I have not much information about the condition of Shih Yin Grand, but he has been kindly treated by the official handicapper who has set him to shoulder only 140 lbs. in the Xmas Handicap over a mile and this pony is worth \$5 each way. After his easy win in the Autumn Handicap on November 14, Shanghai 4 should be a hot favourite for the same event, but I am sure that I am sure, will give him a good run for the money.

The penultimate event, the Sing-king Handicap over six furlongs, has attracted six runners from the Happy Valley and we shall certainly see a keen tussle between Gold Sovereign and Royal Consort. The latter has my vote. Cavalcade is nicely weighted and so is Gold Coin.

The Ladies Dash (unofficial) over five furlongs will not lack the usual keenness and interest, but I much regret that I have not been able to ascertain the names of the Ladies who are going over to the Portuguese colony to ride and under the circumstances the tipping must be left to readers' discretion.

My selections for the first five events are as follows:

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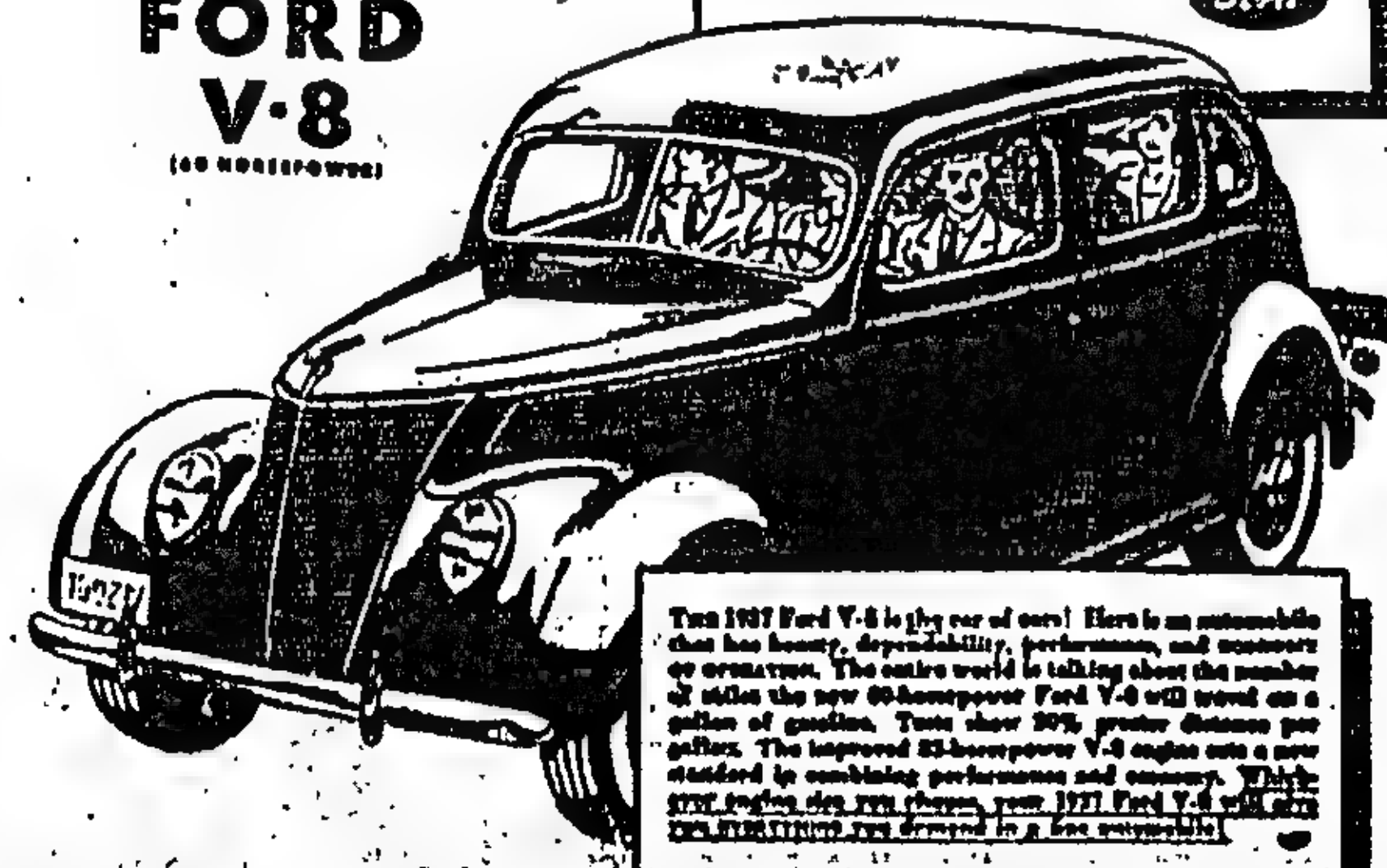
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CRICKET NOTES

To-Morrow's Triangular Tournament Match

Tops Holiday Programme

NAVY MAY SUFFER FROM SAD DEPLETIONS IN THE SIDE

It was a matter of great regret to me that I was not able to despatch my astral body to Kowloon on Monday last to watch the game between the K.C.C. and the Royal Navy. Corporeally I was sitting in the score box of the H.K.C.C. and so had to forego the pleasure of witnessing this game. The Navy batted first, turning out a somewhat weak side and managed to get to a total of 157, thanks chiefly to Skelton and Colman who each had a nice thirty. Kyrke had cracked up twenty before he deflected one into his face and was nastily cut. He was unable to take any further part in the game.

Like the Navy side Kowloon were not at full strength, but they had a pretty useful team which should have done very much better. Colman and Paxton are useful bowlers but they should not have been able to dismiss the home side for 127 had not there been a good deal of bad batting about. The two opening batsmen, Perry and Anderson, collected 83 of the total between them. Arthur Lay had 15 and Ernie Fincher had 12. The remaining seven batsmen scored 12 between them!

At King's Park Kowloon ran up a total of 197 thanks almost entirely

to F. J. Lay (69), Mulenly (37) and Dunn (30), who did practically the entire amount of the scoring. I gather the other batsmen went out for runs quickly. The Navy second were also a bit on the weak side. Fynn was run out for 24 (I seem to remember this happening before), while Wauchop made 28. I notice that there seemed to have been a last wicket stand between Paymaster Lieut.-Commander Nicholson (1) and Lieut.-Commander Moir (1 not out), which I am informed lasted no less than six balls.

HONG MATCH

The European staff of the H.K.E. were much too good for the local stuff, for whom A. R. Minu knocked up a gallant 63 out of 101. Gahagen, Peers, Stoker, J. R. Way and H. S. Jones all got double figures though Mr. Extras was the top scorer with 28!

TO-MORROW'S GAMES

So far as I know there are two games in the Junior Division—both non-League games—between I.R.C. and Navy second, and between the second elevens of the Army and the H.K.C.C. at Soekonpoo. The University Present also are playing the Past—who will, I expect, be repre-

sented by Recreio, Craigengower and K.C.C. men. None of these Clubs have a game fixed.

TRIANGULAR TOURNAMENT

The big game of the day however will be the Triangular Tournament game on the Club Ground. The Navy so far have beaten the Army, while the Club had far the better of their Army match but failed to win. There is no doubt the Army side played much better last Monday than they did against the Navy. It should therefore be a good game against the Navy but I cannot help thinking the Club should either win or have the best of the draw. Unfortunately for the Navy Walters and Ogilvie are both playing Ruggar. Kyrke is down to play, but by the look of his face (or rather bandages) on Wednesday evening it looks to me as if he would be fit for nothing more energetic than umpiring or scoring! Carless also, I am told, has pulled a muscle and is a somewhat doubtful starter. It is most devoutly to be hoped that both of these players can turn out—as the Navy bowling will be sadly weakened if not.

Boucher is of course a host in himself, especially if there is a bit of dew on the wicket; but besides him there are only Colman and Paxton to do much bowling. Whitmarsh's heel prevents him from bowling very much, and he can only manage slow medium at the best. I learn that before he bruised the bone so badly he was a fast bowler and rather gather it is an affection of the same type as the shin-soreness which put an end to N. A. Knox's career as a fast bowler.

NEW PLAYERS

The Navy are playing a couple of new men in Wilson, who played for Harrow before entering the Navy (and also bowls a bit I believe)—and Pay. Sub. St. Sutherland. I am looking forward to seeing how they shape.

The Club side, if no one calls off,

Rugby County Championship

London, Dec. 30.

In the Rugby County Championship—replay—Devon scored a splendid victory over Gloucestershire at Gloucester today by 13 points to three.—*Reuter.*

is pretty strong and is at present, A. W. Hayward (capt.), T. A. Pearce, H. Owen Hughes, M. F. L. Haynes, F. H. Stokes, L. D. Kilbee, M. R. Swain, F. Marshall, D. McLehann, R. E. H. Nelson, and J. L. C. Pearce. Swain comes in for Baker, Haynes for Richardson, and Nelson for Allen. Nelson has not played much serious cricket lately I think, but he seems to be a free left-handed bat who would be good to watch if he avoids being caught behind the wicket early on. It should be a good match.

A HAPPY NEW YEAR

I will conclude these brief notes—the last to appear in 1937—by wishing my readers a Happy New Year and plenty of runs and wickets.

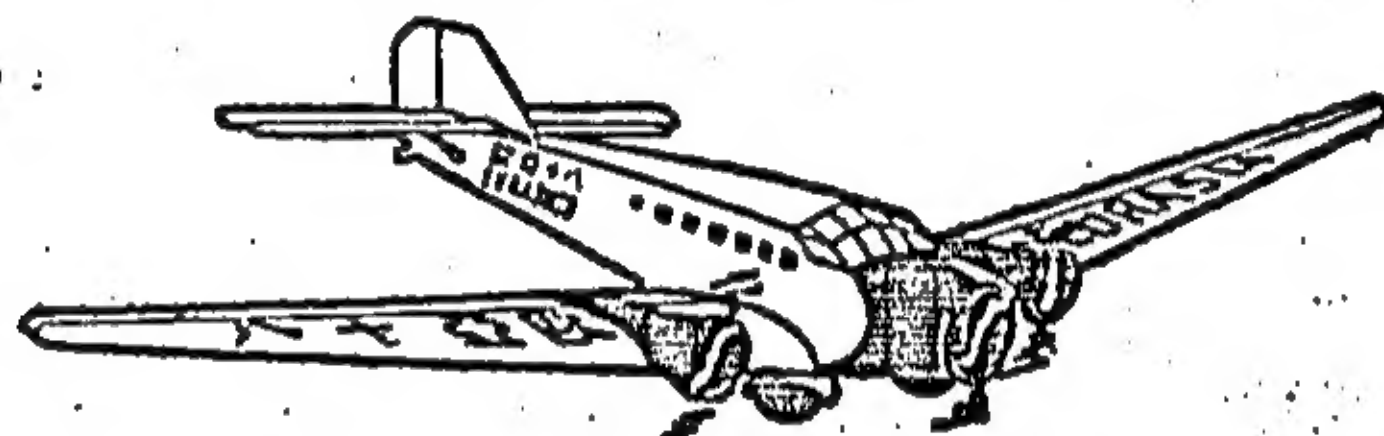
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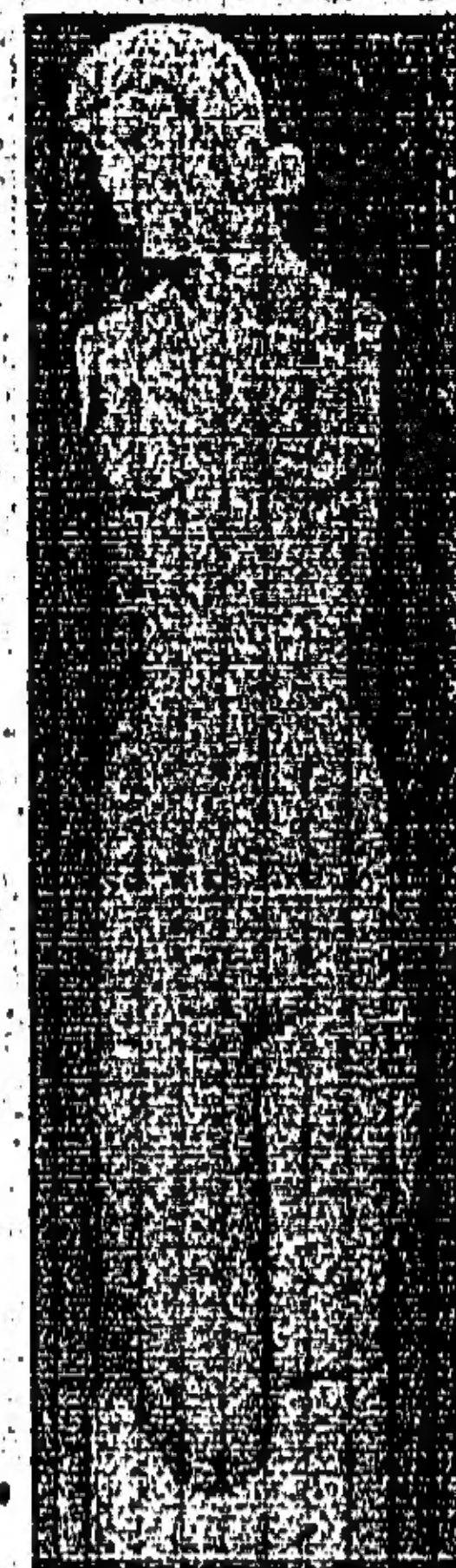


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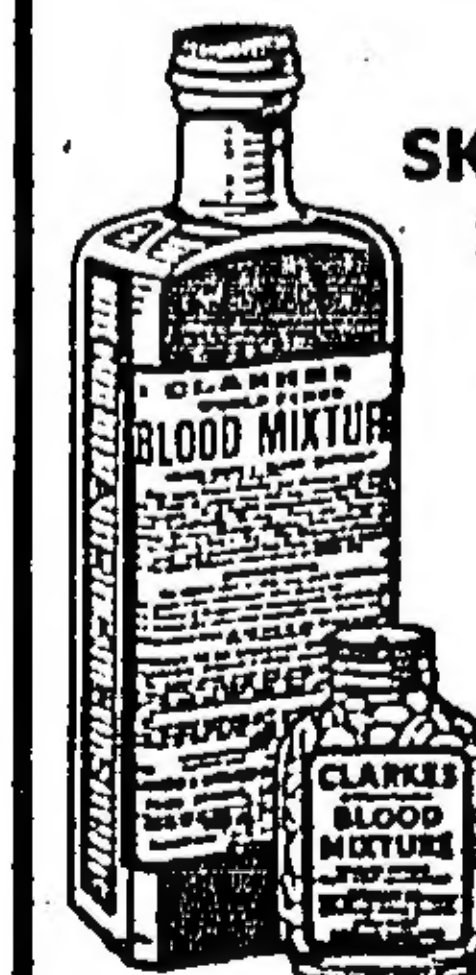
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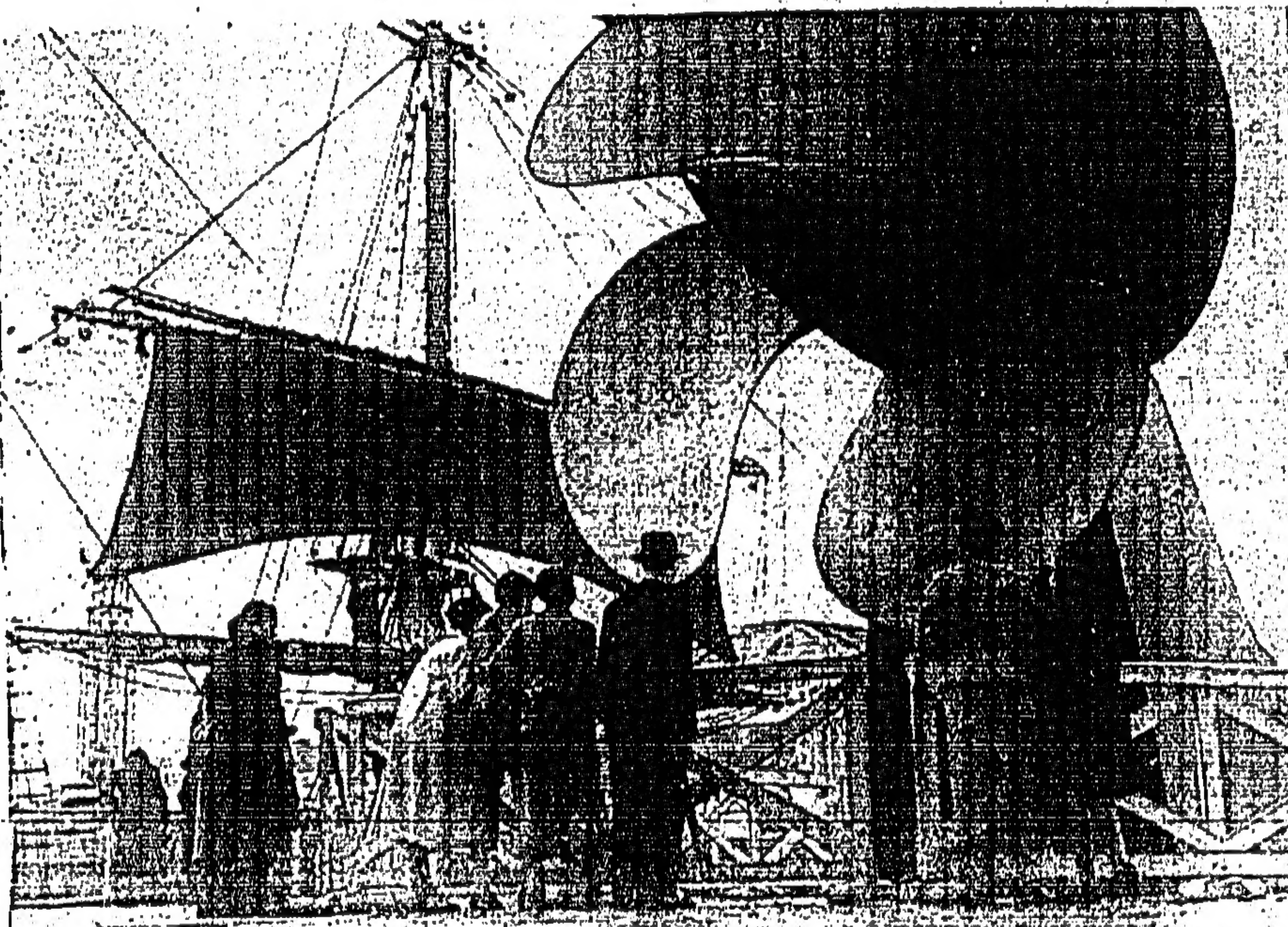
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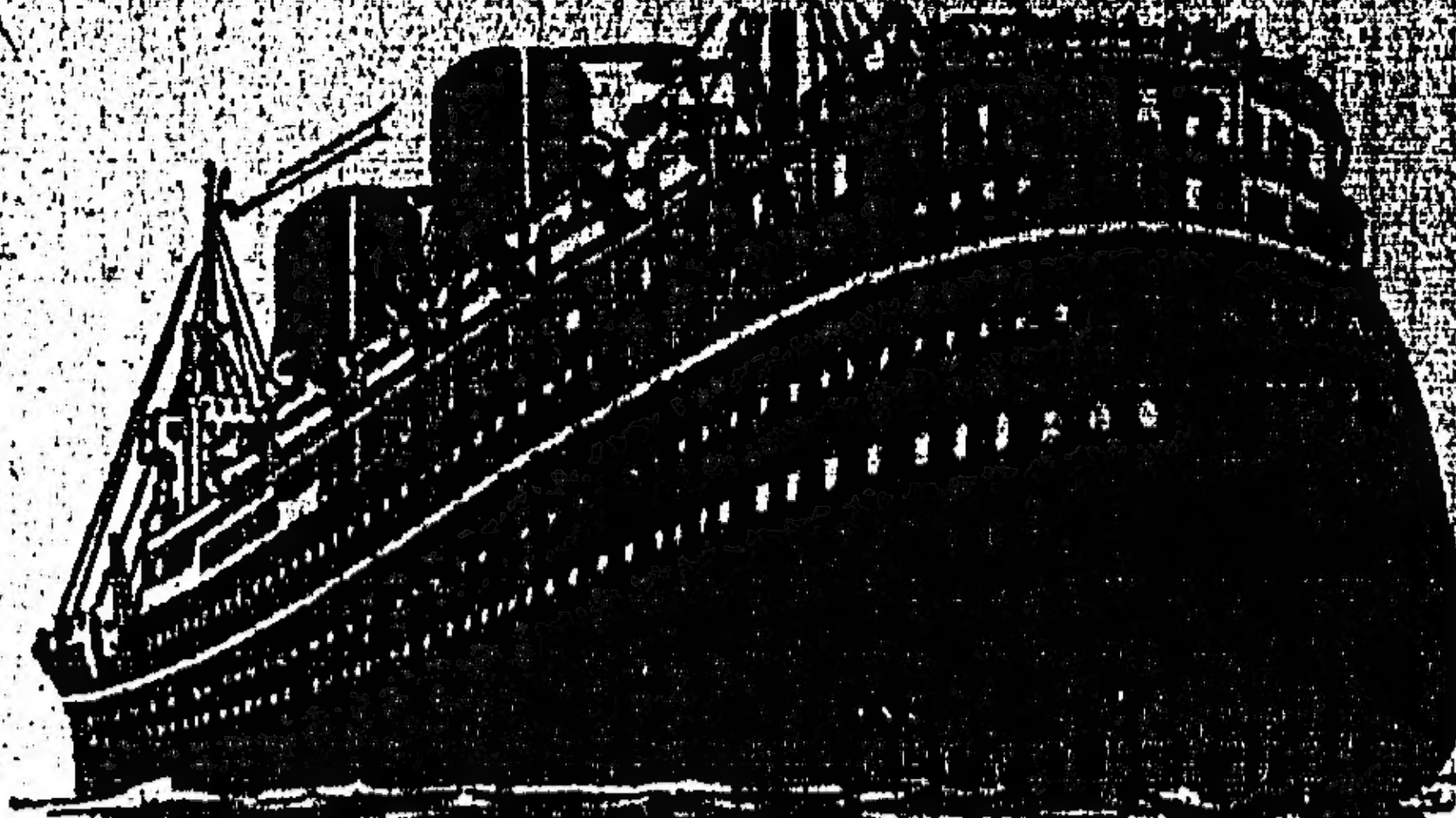
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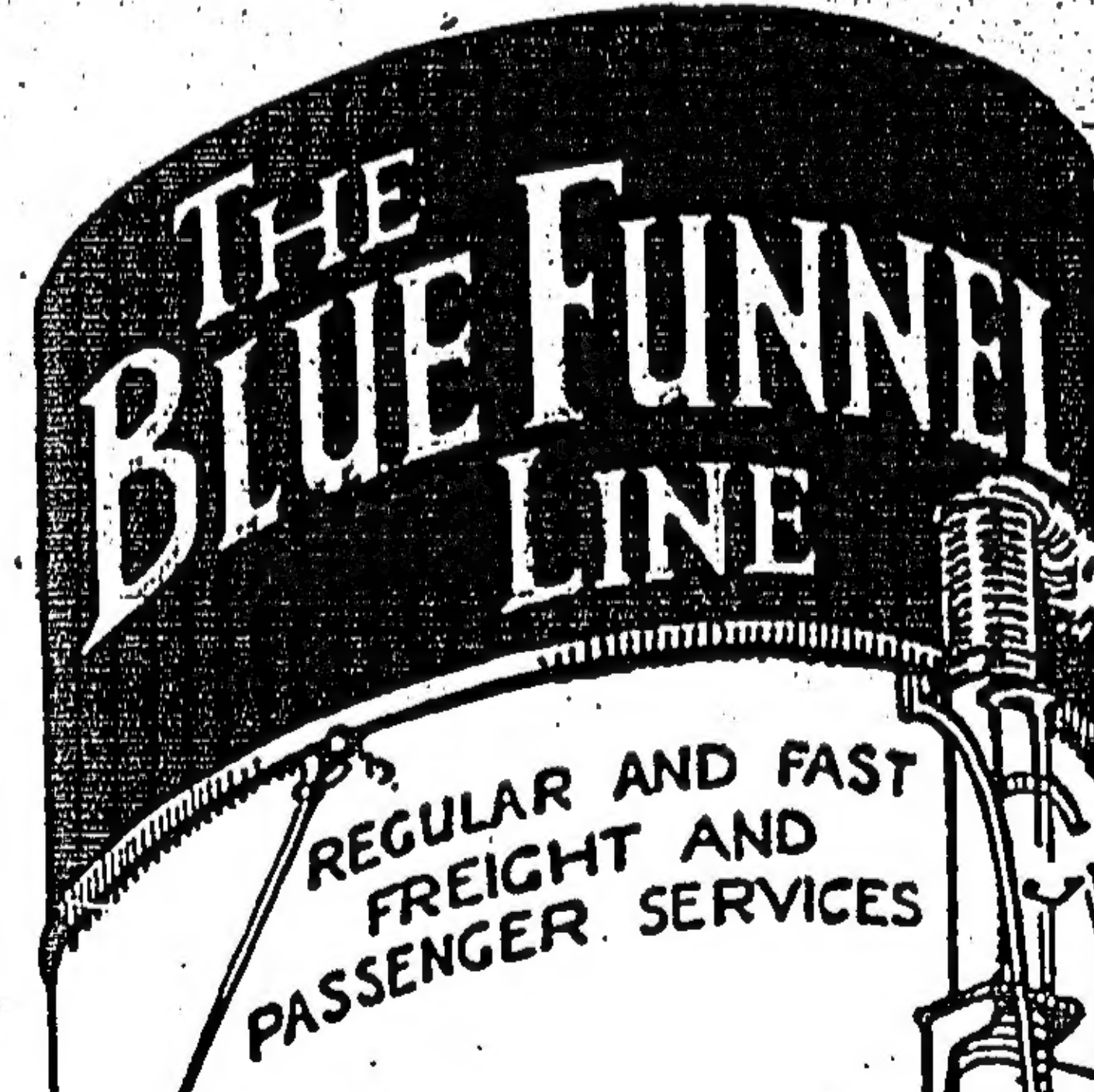
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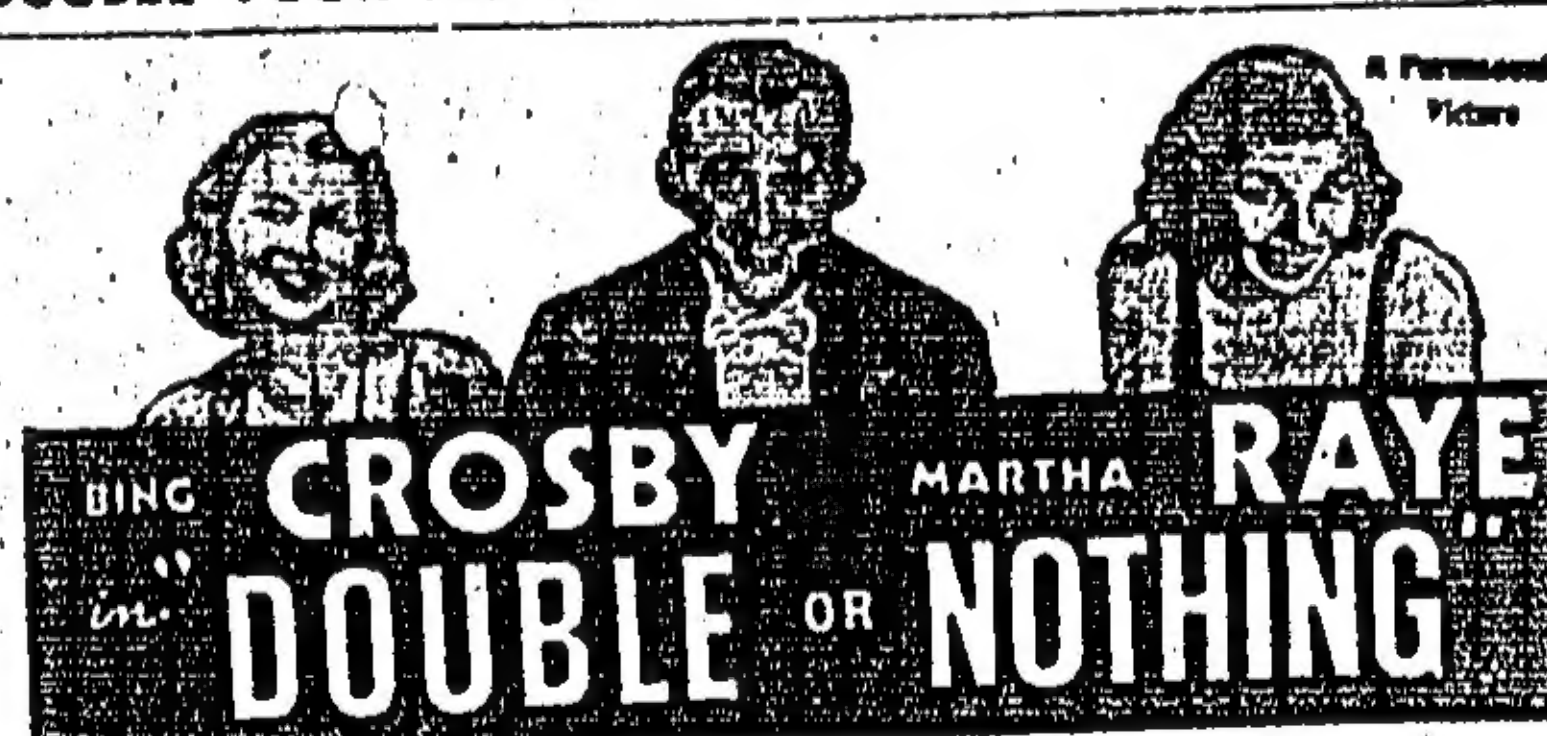
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London, Dec. 31. There is nothing unexpected about the Japanese reply, says the Times. Immediately the note was handed to the British Ambassador, and before it was in the hands of his Government, the Japanese Services had made public their own version. The diplomatic procedure which the Japanese army and navy saw fit to adopt does not correspond with any recognised methods in use between governments, and there is a certain irony, and perhaps significance, in the incident. The Japanese Government gives far-reaching assurances of future correct behaviour by its fighting services to Britain and before the words are out of its mouth, the Services are guilty of a grave discourtesy to the British Ambassador and to the British Government. This will not improve the atmosphere in which the Ministers are considering the note, but the guarantees it offers are impressive, and no one will complain if the British Government, as seem likely, decides to accept them and to await events. - Reuter.

Last Defiant Gesture Of Old Patriot

Hankow, Dec. 31. Mr. Chang Yi-shan, veteran educationist of Soochow, is reported to have committed suicide by jumping into a well after the Japanese authorities had attempted to force him to become Mayor of Soochow. Mr. Chang won fame for his suggestion to Marshal Chiang Kai-shek that he form an "old man's regiment." Mr. Chang proposed to lead it. - United Press.

EQUALISATION FUND IS SOUND

London, Dec. 30. The Treasury has issued the following statement: "On June 28, 1937, in the House of Commons the Chancellor of the Exchequer made a statement on the holdings of the Exchange Equalisation Account at the end of March 1937, and undertook that the Treasury would publish officially a similar statement every six months. In pursuance of this undertaking the Treasury announces that on September 30, 1937 gold held in the account was 39,854,000 fine ounces, and that held in the issue department of the Bank of England was 76,843,000 fine ounces. The total amount was 116,697,000 fine ounces which at £7 an ounce would represent a round figure of £816,000,000. At the same date the Account did not hold more than a trifling amount of foreign currency. - British Wireless.

TWO PEAK HOMES ENTERED BY THIEVES

Two houses on the Peak were broken into during the early hours of this morning. Mr. P. S. Cassidy, residing at No. 30, the Peak, was robbed of money and jewellery to a total value of \$288 when someone entered his house through the window sometime between 3 and 4 a.m. Mr. J. C. Millar, No. 32 the Peak, was more fortunate. An unknown person broke into the house between 4 and 5 a.m. but was apparently disturbed and left without taking anything.

RE-OPEN OCCUPIED AREAS

Japanese Keeping Strict Control In Shanghai

Shanghai, Dec. 31. Effective to-day, all evacuees, including Chinese and foreigners from areas west of Shanghai occupied by the Japanese, will be allowed to return to those districts, a spokesman for the Japanese army and naval authorities in Central China announced this morning.

Hereafter, said the spokesman, all persons engaging in hostile activities and crimes against the Japanese army and special naval landing parties will be dealt in accordance with the notices of penalties previously issued.

This action, said the spokesman, was motivated by self-defence. "It goes without saying that the Japanese forces will put forth every effort to respect treaties to which the various Powers are parties and to safeguard foreign lives and property."

Yesterday Japanese gendarmes and Chinese police under Japanese control, numbering about 150 in all, were stationed in areas formerly under the control of foreign defence forces. They will maintain peace and order among the inhabitants and perform guides' duties in assisting refugees who are returning home.

PACIFICATION MEASURES

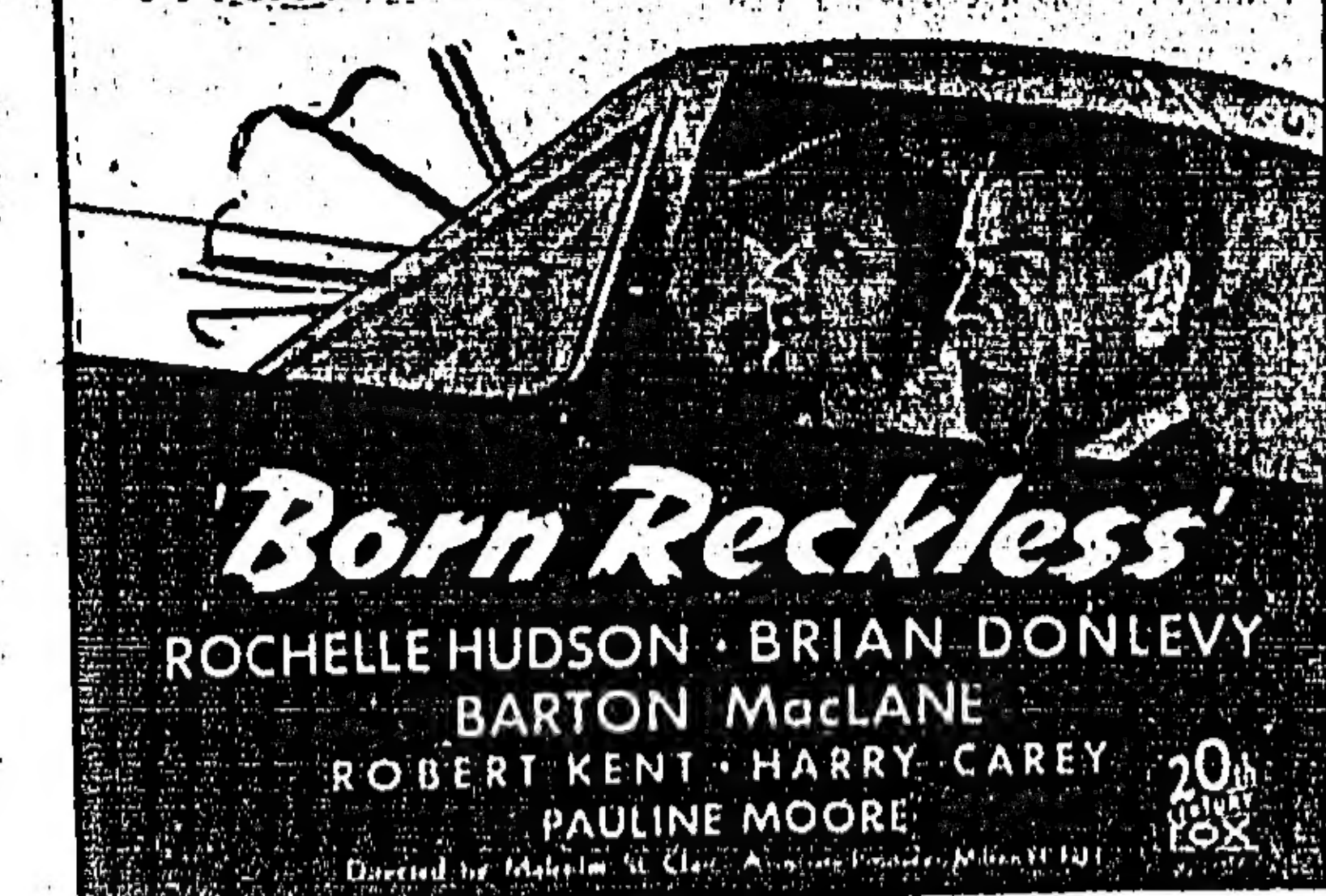
Other pacification measures taken by the Japanese for the inhabitants of districts west of Shanghai are announced. Refugees returning to these districts will be given passes by the Japanese. Furthermore, in an effort speedily to restore normalcy in the western areas, co-operative measures will be employed by the Japanese with the British and French forces.

However, there is a possibility, the spokesman said, that Japanese units on the spot might restrict entrance to certain areas for military reasons. The Japanese forces would not be responsible for injuries suffered by any persons at the hands of "Chinese stragglers." - Reuter.

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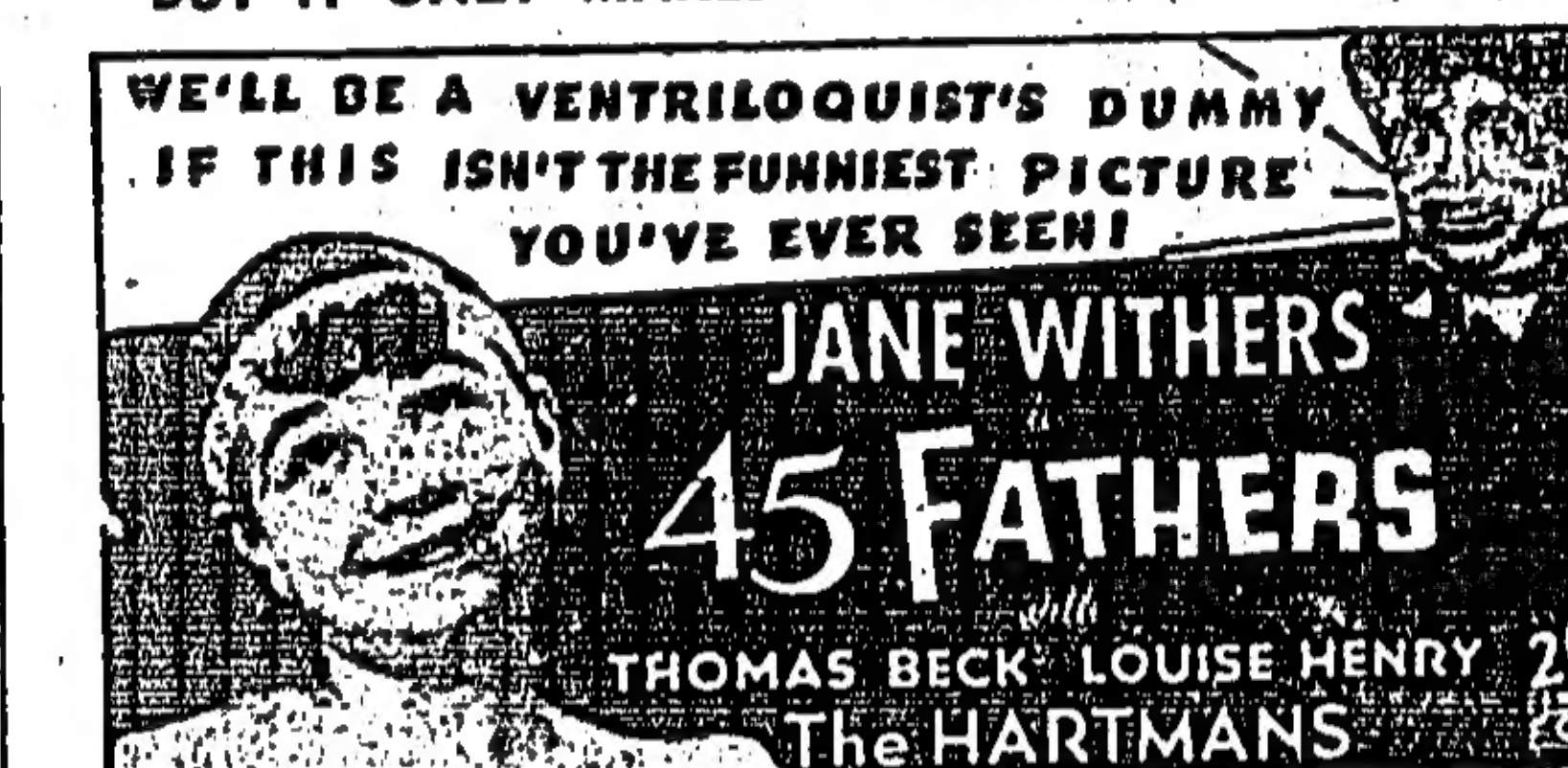
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